



Garry Glynn Ottmar

June 19, 1951 - January 12, 2020

Garry Glynn Ottmar (68) passed away on January 12, 2020 at his residence in Moses Lake, WA.

Garry was born in Moses Lake, WA to Henry George and Irene Elizabeth Ottmar. He attended Moses Lake High School, and while in school he was inspired to follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Ed Larson of Larson Construction. Ed mentored Garry, honing his initial excavation skills that provided him the opportunity to manage Larson Construction. This experience prepared Garry to begin his own business in 1985, Ottmar Construction. Garry owned and managed Ottmar Construction, which served numerous businesses around the Columbia Basin, including the Grant County Public Utility District, Cascade Natural Gas, Voth Construction, and numerous other general contractors for almost 40 years. His perfectionist attitude made him a “cake decorating” excavator and a master of his trade. It was said, “Garry could scratch a squirrel’s hemorrhoid with a backhoe bucket without waking it up.” His success and values were shaped by the mantra of a handshake is contractual, don’t do anything half-assed, and never be late. His hard work and dedication set an example for all those who knew him.

Although ornery at times and always prideful, there was never a doubt where you stood with Garry. However, if you were part of his inner circle of family and friends, he was the most loyal, honest, and selfless friend and companion anyone could ask for. He was a role model husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. His many friends were attracted by his passionate, larger-than-life

attitude, and his hobbies included team roping, golfing, motorcycle riding, hunting, barbequing, cards, and spoiling his grandchildren. His dynamic personality, squinty-eyed smile, and unforgettable characteristics will never be replaced or forgotten by his family and friends.

Garry is preceded in death by his father, George; mother, Irene; son, Jeremy; and brothers Bob and Howard.

Garry is survived by his spouse Terri; daughter, Heidi; son, Wyatt; son, Edwin; and grandchildren, Lexi, Layton, Daxton, Tyler, and Brett.

A celebration of life will be held at the Moses Lake Elks Lodge on Saturday, January 18th at 3:00pm to reminisce with family and friends and bid Garry one final farewell. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children at a location convenient to you.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Terri and family. I am sorry to learn of your loss. In the 20 years I've lived down the road, Garry was always helpful to me. It will be different to not see him buzzing around your place or the put on his atv. Love and prayers as you adjust through this time.

Amy Hendrickson - February 06, 2020 at 04:35 PM

IO

“ Dear Terri and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Garry. My thoughts are with all of you at this sad time. Deepest sympathy to all of you.
Irene Osumi



irene osumi - January 20, 2020 at 11:57 AM

CE

“ I'm very sorry for your loss.

Cheryl Driggs Elkins - January 17, 2020 at 11:52 AM

MM

“ I know I speak for the whole gang at McDonald's morning "Coffee Posse" when I say Garry will be truly missed! You knew the moment he arrived in the morning by the "yak yak yak" and the banging of the coffee cup on the counter! It was a McDonald's cup, which meant he could get it filled for free, but not Garry. He always gave Cindy the choice of a dollar or all the change in his pocket! And there was the banging of the heavy chair on the tile floor and the booming "Morning guys!". You always knew Garry was there and your day was always a little brighter because of it. We'll miss you pal. God Speed

Marv Maslen - January 16, 2020 at 09:15 PM

JG

“ *He was a great help when I need it. I learned a lot from him*

JG - January 16, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *Terri, Heidi, Wyatt, Eddie and grandkids.....Words cannot express how very much we are gonna miss this guy! He was gruff on the outside and a big ol teddy bear on the inside. Could NOT have been blessed more than to have him as an Uncle. He truly was ONE of a KIND....The kind you never want to say good bye to. Will hold my memories close to the heart. Rest In Peace Garry*

Denyse N Joe Ottmar - January 16, 2020 at 04:30 PM

LG

Terri, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lesley Gunderson - January 16, 2020 at 09:01 PM

MC

Deeply saddened by your loss Mrs.Ottmar ,and family .Sending our love ,prayers ,and hugs . LORD JESUS comfort your broken hearts . Keeping your family in our prayer's. ❤️🙏

Mary Lou Cedillo - January 19, 2020 at 01:19 AM

BN

“ *The obituary says that Garry spoiled his grandchildren and my kids were also lucky enough to have him spoil them with his banana bread. My children always looked forward to hearing from Papa Al (Nelson) that Garry had made them some banana bread to enjoy before school. I'm going to miss seeing Garry at the Elks, he was a great friend to my dad and always very nice to my kids and I, every time we were around him.*

Becky Nelson - January 16, 2020 at 03:08 PM

JS

“ Our hearts are very heavy with the loss of our good friend Garry. He will be sadly missed. Our time in Moses Lake was made wonderful by the friends we met there and certainly was one of the best! We send our love and condolences to the entire family! The obituary really nailed Garry’s personality. Rest In Peace big guy. Jay and Diana Szabo

Jay and Diana Szabo - January 16, 2020 at 01:26 PM

KS

“ My thoughts are with you Terry. I am so sorry. He was larger than life and will be so missed. Gary was a great guy. He had a big heart underneath his gruff exterior. I always loved catching up with him. He was so proud of his kids and grand kids....and you. Love to you Terry.

Kelly Shinn - January 16, 2020 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Gary’s family. He now playing cards with the angels.
John & Cheryl Guffey and Ed Ruff

John & Cheryl - January 16, 2020 at 02:09 AM



“ Some say he was gruff... but I say that they didn't know him.... He was always friendly, caring and honest with me and would freely give me tips on how to get things done. Though recently, the chats weren't often, but you always made up for it with that friendly wave.... Now you can ride that big hog on pot hole free roads... RIP Gary ... Until we meet again.....

Scott Allsbrook - January 15, 2020 at 10:37 PM

LB

“ I'm so sorry for the passing of Gary. I've known Gary since we were kids growing up in Knows Vista. One particular memory was when we were kids, we were playing baseball and Gary was playing barehanded. I thought he was the toughest kid in the neighborhood. We talked about that after we'd grown, he told me that when growing up we were too poor to afford a baseball glove. Gary will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

Lind Bingham

Lind Bingham - January 15, 2020 at 09:04 PM

LB

“ Lind Bingham lit a candle in memory of Garry Glynn Ottmar



Lind Bingham - January 15, 2020 at 08:51 PM

MM

“ Garry was one of my favorites. He's been friends with my family for as long as I can remember. Hunting trips to Creston were always amazing because Garry could cook and brought his A game. His big bear hugs are what I'm going to miss the most. He would squeeze me tight and then push off because he didn't show affection in public. Lol! I loved him and will miss him so. Love to you, Terri, Wyatt, Heidi, and Ed.

Michele Marshman - January 15, 2020 at 08:23 PM