



Gary L. Lybbert

December 24, 1953 - April 26, 2010

Gary LaMont Lybbert age 56 passed away of a massive heart attack while vacationing at the Grand Canyon on April 26, 2010. Gary worked and resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico with his wife, Patricia Novak. Gary was born December 24, 1953 in Moses Lake, Washington. He was the oldest child of Kay Lamont and Norma Elaine (Ostler) Lybbert. Gary graduated from Jenkins High School in Chewelah, Washington in 1972.

Gary received his Associates Degree from Spokane Falls Community College and worked as a cardiovascular technologist. He was on the team that performed the first artificial heart transplant. He designed and supervised the construction of multiple cardiac catheterization labs around the country. He was renowned for his expertise, knowledge, and kindness in his professional community.

Gary was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and uncle. Gary loved to entertain others with his quick wit and sense of humor. He was known for his selfless service, kindness, and sensitivity. He overcame tremendous obstacles in his life and remained the optimist. He loved history, golf, being outdoors, and his family.

Gary is survived by his wife, Patricia Novak, Albuquerque, NM; his parents, Kay and Norma Lybbert, Warden, WA; his sons Kevin, Michael, and Matthew Lybbert; siblings, Alane Watkins, Otis Orchards, WA; Fred Lybbert, Chandler, AZ; Carol Jean Turley, Twin Falls, ID; Janene Jensen, Colville, WA; Emily Hansen, Riverton, UT. He also was step-father to Drew & Jennifer Mahan,

Houston, TX; and Dusty Mahan, Panama City, FL. Grandchildren included Abigail and Lillian Mahan. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jonathan Michael Lybbert and his daughter, Melissa Lybbert.

Memorial service in honor of Gary will be held in Albuquerque, NM. There will be a viewing on Friday, April 30 from 5-7pm at the Kayser Chapel of Memories in Moses Lake. Funeral services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Warden Chapel on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Family viewing will precede the funeral services at 9:00am.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Warden Chapel
1017 S. County Rd.
Warden, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tricia, Gary's classmates from Jenkins High in Chewelah send very belated condolences on the loss of Gary. It is obvious from his obituary and messages from friends and colleagues Gary continued to be an amazing man after leaving Chewelah. We are doing a memorial video for those classmates who have past and wonder if you would share a few pictures of Gary since graduation and possibly a few lines about his life. My contact is:
Ingrid Fox Hudspeth cell 208-860-2106*

ingrid hudspeth - August 04, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *To Gary's family and friends.. i am sorry to be just now noticing Gary's service from several months ago. But please let me add that Kay's family was a wonderful addition to our Columbia Basin experience. i am saddened to think of Gary being so young. God bless your family Kay. having lost my own daughter at a young age give me pause top reflect on what you are all going through. May God bless and keep you all.. David##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##*

September 14, 2010 at 06:10 PM



“ *We were so sad to hear the news. Gary was always a part of our family and will be missed. our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Leon and Teresa Top##imported-end##*

May 09, 2010 at 03:40 PM



“ We thought a lot of Gary. He will be missed by many. Sure hate to hear this.##imported-begin##Jerry and Sharlene Bradley##imported-end##

May 07, 2010 at 01:31 PM



“ i shure will miss you gary! you where the closest thing i ever had to a dad and u wer a good one.##imported-begin##trenton moore##imported-end##

May 07, 2010 at 01:19 PM



“ Trish, I am very glad to have met you, and I know how happy Gary was during the time you were together. Please know Matt and I consider you part of our family as well--God bless you and I pray He gives you strength during this very difficult time. --
Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Landis##imported-end##

May 06, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ By all the messages preceeding mine, it is easy to see Gary was well liked by those he met. We will sure miss him here as our boss at Presbyterian in Albuquerque. Trish and family, may your memories and strength help you to cope during this sad time.##imported-begin##Cassidy Lilienthal##imported-end##

May 03, 2010 at 04:57 PM



“ Tricia, I am so sorry for your loss.My thoughts are with you.
Christine.##imported-begin##Christine Groves##imported-end##

May 02, 2010 at 09:47 AM



“ Tricia,

Jon and I hold you dear to our hearts and are very grateful that we had the opportunity to meet Gary. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

All our love!##imported-begin##Jon and Roxanne Voigt##imported-end##

May 01, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ *We all feel so lost without you. We still had so much to learn from you. You will really be missed. I am so glad we had the time we did have. I know everyone will miss you.##imported-begin##Maryj Ann Zachry##imported-end##*

May 01, 2010 at 11:11 AM



“ *Tricia, I am thinking of you in this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you. We will miss Gary and his sweets!!!##imported-begin##michelle fratrack ##imported-end##*

May 01, 2010 at 06:08 AM



“ *Tricia, You are so good to me....I will miss his smiling face!##imported-begin##Wolfey##imported-end##*

May 01, 2010 at 06:00 AM



“ Tricia my thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm gonna miss Gary coming into the unit with something in his hand. He was a wonderful person to meet. Take Care, Roberta P.##imported-begin##Roberta Parker##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 08:53 AM



“ My sympathies to all of Gary's family and friends. Such a sad time for all.##imported-begin##Joan Aslin##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 08:23 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We were co-workers at Providence in Seattle. Gary was always so proud of his children and their accomplishments. His passing will leave a huge hole in their lives.##imported-begin##Allison Fay-Ebert##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 05:20 PM



“ Tricia and family,
All of of us here at UNM are very saddened about your loss. Tricia, I did not know Gary but every time you spoke about him your eye's were shining and you had so much love for him. I think about you every day and hope that you will be home with us very soon. Best wishes Kathy R##imported-begin##Kathryn Romero##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 01:51 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. He was a wonderful boss and friend. I will certainly miss his humor and kindness. Gary was and will always be in our hearts. I salute you,
Gary###imported-begin##CINDI - CVL###imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ I worked with Gary many years ago at Provicence Medical Center in Seattle, he was a very sharp and capable technologist, although I had not heard from him in many years, I was saddened to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family, friends and co workers.###imported-begin##Robert Chamuler###imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ Emily & family,

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I pray you and your family will feel the love of our Heavenly Father in the days ahead.

Love,

Julie Smart###imported-begin##Julie Smart###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 11:15 PM



“ To the Lybbert family, As I did not know Gary, he sounds like an outstanding individual. I'm sorry for you loss.. Kay & Norma, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers...###imported-begin##Darla Whitaker Mast###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 09:35 PM



“ *gampa i miss you so much and so does my daddy weave been crying so much sincerly sydney*###imported-begin###*sydney lybbert*###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 07:42 PM



“ *We love you dad! We will miss you and will always be grateful for all the guidance and direction you so eagerly gave. We cant wait to see you in heaven.*###imported-begin###*michael and kevin lybbert*###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 07:09 PM



“ *Mrs. Lybbert,*

We are so sorry for you and your families loss. As a fellow solider I am glad to be able to assist in providing your husband with the military honors he much deserves. God bless.

SGT Storlie & MFH Central Team###imported-begin###*WAARNG Military Funeral Honors*###imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 11:37 AM



“ Gary was my mentor into the field of cardiovascular Technology at Providence MC in Seattle in early 80's. He started the cath lab @ Highline in S. Seattle in the mid 80's. He recruited me there. He was a great boss, calm and dedicated to his team. I have a good story. One time a sales rep was showing Gary a new bioptome. He said it took good bites....Gary tried it on his palm and took a nice 3 mm chunk of tissue....

I'll miss him,

Darren Powell##imported-begin##Darren Powell##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 03:16 PM



“ I worked with Gary at Providence in Seattle in the early 80's. Sad to hear about this he was a great guy.##imported-begin##R. Anthony (Bobby) Cappello##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 02:21 PM