



Gerald Potter

May 24, 1950 - September 1, 2024

Gerald Dean Potter (Gary) was born 05/24/50 in Yakima, WA to Leonard and Helen Potter. He was the youngest of 4 children. His family moved to the Columbia Basin area in the early 50s, eventually settling in Royal City. Gary enjoyed playing pool at Dave's rec hall, hanging out with his older brother, Lynn, and working on the farm. Gary was in the first class to attend all four years at the new Royal High school, graduating in 1968.

After graduating, Gary moved to Yakima to try a different line of work where he met his future wife, Cathy. They were engaged after 3 months of dating and married 8 months later. Shortly after getting married, they moved back to the Royal City area because of his love of farming and the friends in this community. "You can take the man out of the farm, but you can't take the farming out of the man!"

Gary worked for Randy Allred for a few years then had an opportunity to grow potatoes like his Dad and Uncle Ray had done. He worked for Sunfresh for over 20 years managing potato production. During this time, he found a new joy in life becoming a private pilot and logging over 3000 hours in a variety of airplanes. After Sunfresh, he worked for B & G Farms for another 23 years when he retired in 2023. Gary met a lot of people he respected in the farming industry, whether it was salesmen, equipment operators, or co-workers. He always tried to get along with everyone.

Gary loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed teaching his three kids how to water ski. His white and yellow Cobalt was one of his prides for many

years. He loved golfing, camping in the mountains, and riding the side by side in the hills. He loved his family and always participated in any games brought before him.... Volleyball, corn hole and Texas Hold Em were some of his favorites because he was good at them all! He also loved watching his grandchildren in all their activities. He would proudly say, "That's MY grandkid" with a big smile on his face.

Gary and Cathy were married 52 years and built their legacy by hard work and loving your family. Gary is survived by his wife Cathy Potter of Royal City, sons Travis Potter of Medical Lake and Todd Potter of Spokane, daughter Carrie Sullivan and her husband Dan of West Richland. They have 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Gary passed away on September 1, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He is greatly missed!

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Haven Event Center; 2587 Road 10 SW; Royal City, WA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **15.** 2:00 PM (PT)

Haven Event Center
2587 Rd 10 SW
Royal City, WA 99357

Tribute Wall

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“ *Something special about my dad was his unique ability to almost always have a positive attitude. Even when dealing with challenges in life, you'd never see or hear him complain. If there were people in his orbit he didn't particularly care for, you wouldn't have known it because he never talked badly about anyone. He consistently chose the high ground and his example taught me a lot about how to be a good person. I love you ol'man and I'll see you on the other side.*

Travis Potter - September 10, 2024 at 06:30 PM

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“ *Gary was one of the kindest people I have ever known. He and Cathy were a perfect match. He is one of the people who will be forever missed.*



Pat George - September 06, 2024 at 04:25 PM