



Gary E. Sonke

July 26, 1969 - June 15, 2024

Gary E. Sonke of Elfrida passed away at home at the age of 54. At his request no services will be held.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary and I met when we were 8 years old. For the next 47 years he remained my truest friend. There are so many memories from this lifetime we shared. This is a silly one: At one point in our youth, he used to fashion himself with chain belts and safety pins on his jeans and his boots. He used to come over almost every Sunday afternoon and my mom would stand there as he removed all chains and pins - the requisite if he wanted to sit on the furniture. Anyway he never scoffed at this ritual. I was mortified each week but he took it in stride saying it was no big deal. He used to be silly and easy going when younger. I loved him so much as my friend and I will miss him terribly.

Stacey Kramer Fox - June 25, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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“ Gary was one of the first to befriend me when my family and I moved to Chino, CA when I was 5 years old. We later played little league & lunchtime soccer together. Gary was a fierce competitor and a very good player on the soccer field. Off the field he was always his own person. One of the first in our town to adopt the 80's Punk Rock look & style. He was way smarter than his GPA likely showed...a pragmatist...realist...sarcastically & Stoicly funny! He was always great to talk to & never afraid to share his opinion. Yet, I always felt comfortable to disagree with him. We reconnected later in life thanks to Facebook & our HS reunions. I'm so grateful for this! Gary, you will be missed! Much love and gratitude to you for your friendship & grateful to God for who you are. 💔🙏

Mike Brimmage - June 23, 2024 at 12:16 PM

LK

“ Lydia Ketchum purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gary E. Sonke.



Lydia Ketchum - June 21, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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“ Lydia Ketchum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary E. Sonke.

Lydia Ketchum - June 21, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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“ Gary and I shared over two decades together and raised our kids in the valley. He was a father to seven children and a grandfather to nine grandkids. He loved them fiercely and was so proud of each one of them. He was always a hardworking and honest man. He was loved and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Gary fly high and be free knowing that you will be remembered and your children will continue to make you proud ❤️❤️❤️

Lorena Sonke - June 20, 2024 at 05:00 AM

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Beautiful! ❤️🙏

Mike Brimmage - June 23, 2024 at 12:07 PM

NN

“ I am Gary's cousin. I am saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to the family.

Neil Nearn - June 18, 2024 at 06:00 PM



Gary was my brother's best friend Jesse those two we're always getting into trouble as teenagers he will dearly be missed by our family may God be with you all in your time of need the Garcia family

Ana Mar - June 19, 2024 at 11:41 PM