



Gary Walter Lair

November 19, 1946 - November 25, 2025

Gary passed away on November 25, 2025, at the age of 79, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Born on November 19, 1946, in San Fernando, California, to parents Orla and Clara Lair, the family later moved to Henderson, Nevada, in 1949. Gary graduated from Rancho High School in North Las Vegas in 1964, where he lettered in baseball.

Gary was a founding member of Chi Sigma Chi, which later became Sigma Chi at NSU, now known as UNLV. He cherished the lifelong brotherhood he found within his fraternity.

He was a respiratory therapist for several years at St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, California. Gary then spent more than 40 years in the casino gaming industry in Las Vegas. Throughout his career, he built friendships, mentorships, and connections that lasted a lifetime.

The love of his life was his wife Peggy (nee Brick), his partner in every season of life. They were married for more than 46 years.

Gary's other great love was golf—a sport that brought him joy, competition, and deep friendships. His last round was played less than a week before his

passing.

Gary was a devoted father to Robert and his wife Christina, Julia and her husband Brandon Willmott, and James and his wife Samantha. He was a loving brother to Karen Valdastrì. He treasured his grandchildren—Meteo, Bradley, Alexandria, and Daniel. And he loved being “Uncle Gary.”

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Richard and Ted, and his sister Bonnie Blue.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Angel Park Golf Course, one of Gary’s favorite places. The Sigma Chi White Rose Ceremony will be delivered concluding the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions to continue Gary’s legacy—either through the memorial fund created for his four grandchildren to support their passions in life, or by donating to the American Diabetes Association in his memory.

<https://diabetes.org/>

The family would like to thank the emergency room and ICU staff at Summerlin Hospital, as well as the physicians and specialists who cared for Gary throughout the years.

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“ Gary and I worked at the MGM Grand Casino. He was a very pleasant person to work with. RIP my friend 🙏

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