



Gary Lee Meinung

June 19, 1949 - October 9, 2023

Gary Lee Meinung passed away unexpectedly on October 9, 2023, at age 74, in Las Vegas, NV. Gary was born on June 19, 1949, in San Diego, CA.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Delbert and Avis Meinung.

Gary leaves behind his five children, Justin Meinung, Arthur Meinung, Melody Meinung, Dylan Reed, and Michael Olivier. Gary was blessed to have five grandsons. Nathan Meinung, Daniel Meinung, Julian Olivier, Dylan Reed, and Logan Olivier. A loving sister, Alice Vigil, and a beloved brother, Arthur Meinung. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many wonderful friends. Gary embraced his blended family and the women who blessed him with children, devoted mothers Nita Davis and Sue Grantham.

Gary spent his young years in Mission Beach, CA. Gary was a graduate of Mission Bay High School. He was an avid surfer and loved the beach life. Gary enjoyed fishing, listening to music, and spending time with friends. He possessed the quality of true friendship. His love for sci-fi and horror movies was endless. His favorite movies included Aliens, The Thing, King Kong, and Dracula, which he watched numerous times during his lifetime. He loved classic rock and country music. He enjoyed the Rolling Stones, Steve Miller Band, The Grateful Death, Hank Williams Jr, and Don Williams. Gary was known for taking pictures and always had a camera in his hand or top pocket. He would chuckle as he was snapping a photo while you were eating. His sense of humor was priceless. What brought Gary the most joy in life was his children. He gave the best of what he had to each of them.

Gary was the first to admit he had challenges and struggles in life. In 1988, Gary began his journey to recovery. Gary dedicated his life to helping others on their journey. He spent countless hours with newcomers, taking them to meetings and sponsoring. Many have expressed the impact Gary had on their lives and path to recovery. He was employed at numerous inpatient treatment centers and spent many hours at Detox, Volunteers of America. His passion and joy of volunteering meant the world to him. Gary loved unconditionally, expecting nothing in return.

A celebration of Gary's life will be in San Diego, CA. We invite all who knew and loved Gary to join us. Share your stories about your time with him and laughter, just as he would have wanted.

We hope you will join us to honor this man who touched many lives.

Date, time, and location forthcoming.

Tribute Wall

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“ This truly broke my heart. I met Gary I believe one time when I was working with Melody. He was such a warm soul and just full of love and kindness. I know how much he meant to Melody and how much love she has for him. They had an unbreakable father/daughter bond. Everytime she spoke of Gary - her face lit up. I'm so sorry he was taken so soon. As a daughter who lost her father not too long ago, I pray that Melody is comforted by the beautiful memories of Gary I know she's cherished. I know this is the worst pain imaginable but I would like to think that both of our father's are up there watching over us together. He's always with you Melody. Never forget that. I send my deepest condolences to the family - I truly am very sorry for your loss. Sending love

Bern Lazar - November 20, 2023 at 02:06 PM

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“ How can I put into a few short words all that you were. A loving Father, a heart that was so full of love for others. Your humor, boy did we have a lot of laughs together. Your loyalty. You showed me what unconditional love was. Your willingness to help others! I've been blessed to have had you in my life for 49 years. I have a lot of memories from those years and I will think of them often. I will see you again when my time comes, I can't wait to have one of your hugs. Love you my dear friend!! ❤️❤️

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“ I remember when I was two, you would sit outside in the front yard with me and play tea party. I will forever be your little girl, partner in crime and best friend. Your kind words, touch, laughter and devotion guided me into the woman I am today. So many blessed memories. You are loved and missed every moment of everyday. Thank you for being you and loving unconditionally. When the waves of life crash down on you pick yourself up get ready for the next one and ride it like you own it. My love for you is endless like the ocean and my memories are as strong as the tides. I love you, catch you on the next wave, Dad! ❤️

Melody Meinung - November 05, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ Erica Green and I, Gregg Miller knew Gary for 30 years. Gary was a leader and could make anyone comfortable and did. His humor was always appreciated, very inclusive never exclusive. Loved his family and friends, always shared that. Gary introduced me to Erica, Erica and I have been together 29 years. Gary will live in our hearts forever. Thank you Gary for all the memories. RIP my brother, you deserve too!!!

Gregg Miller - November 03, 2023 at 02:43 PM

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“ I remember when you came into this world.Later when I was older, I learned it was a very difficult delivery and you only weighed 4 lbs.In those days that was scary. But you survived and through the grace of God you continued surviving many challenges. You always told people that you loved them. That is so special for a man. You were always special to me and I will miss our conversations and I will miss you saying I love you sister. Till we met again you will always be in my heart.

Alice Vigil - October 31, 2023 at 08:11 PM

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“ Thank you for being a part of my life. We shared many years of special memories. Your sense of humor and laughter will be missed by all. RIP MY FRIEND, see you when my days are done here. ❤️

Sue Dowell - October 30, 2023 at 07:14 PM