Gary Thomas Mah



OCTOBER 6, 2020

We are very sad that our beloved husband, dad, papa, brother, uncle and friend left this life and entered his eternal home on Tuesday October 6, 2020. After a long battle with diabetes and kidney failure, we are at peace knowing he is no longer suffering. Gary was born on June 30, 1945, in Red Deer, Alberta. He met the love of his life Joyce Bunch in front of the old Courthouse in 1967 after her car broke down. He stopped to see if she needed help and as they say, the rest is history. They married a short time after on March 30, 1968 and started their family in Red Deer. Gary took the Electronic Technician program at NAIT, Communications at SAIT and worked at AGT in Red Deer. He then moved the family to Rocky Mountain House where he owned and operated West Country Foods until a fire devastated the store. Gary moved the family back to Red Deer and opened Town & Country TV where he continued to work until his retirement. His competitive nature led to succeeding as a coach in fastball, hockey and friendly family game night where Gary reigns as the Scrabble King! His competitive nature even trickled into his love for fishing as he became a sponsored tournament fisherman and his pursuit to strike it rich led him on many adventurous gold panning trips with his buddy George. He liked to volunteer, organizing and managing many events including the Red Deer Sportsman Show and Legion Blues Hockey Tournaments. He was a family man who enjoyed taking his family on many camping/fishing holidays- trekking into the deep wilderness to find the perfect fishing spot. He was blessed with a loving family and is survived by his wife Joyce, daughters Tammy (Kent) Gasco, Trudy (Graham) Haraldson and son Tom.

Grandchildren Brittney (Craig), Tyler, Aric, Jordan, Jalen and Koben. Sisters Janet of Toronto, Rita (Richard) of Calgary, Audrey (Gene) of Las Vegas, NV, brothers Richard (Lynne) and Ron (Darlene) both of Red Deer. Numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. Gary was predeceased by his parents Suey and Jennie Mah, sisters Shirley and Betty and brother Ken. A celebration of life will be held at 4707 Fountain Drive, Red Deer (Great Chief Park) on October 13, 2020 at 2:00pm. Dress for the weather and be comfortable. Special thanks to Dr. Jim, Dr. Lee, Dr. Hovan and the Palliative Home Care Team.

Messages of Condolence

Gary led quite the life! It’s hard to imagine having a Bandits game without Gary there supporting us! We will miss you Gary. Trudy and family, you are all so strong and Gary was a lucky man to have you all there supporting him. Love to all. We wish we could be there to celebrate his life with you, know that we are thinking of you all.

— Brittney and Jason Rathwell

So sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences. Lyle and I were sorry to see this.

— Marilyn and Lyle

Joyce and Family - was so very very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. My sympathy to you all.

— May Ferrill

Our deepest sympathies on your loss. Gary will be with you always in your hearts and thoughts and he will live on through you all. Much love, Audrey, Mel and Ben x

"Any man can be a Father, but it takes someone special to be a dad." Anne Geddes

— Audrey Carr

My deepest condolences to Joyce & family. I will miss you Gary . May you Rest in Peace Love your sister Rita

— Rita Lee

To the Family of Gary Thomas Mah: May it Comfort you to know that our Sympathy is with you and all the Family at this sad time in your lives. Our Caring thoughts are with you one and all. I'm so sorry for your loss. Joyce I never knew how you met Gary, such a sweet story in 1967 and I got to know you both from School Days. I have some great memories of those years, precious memories also. May you and your families always cherish all the Beautiful Memories of Your Heart that you all shared from now until forever.

— Cheryl & Mike Carr

Tammy and Brittney,
Sorry about your loss during times which are already so challenging
Thinking of you with lasting kindergarten memories

— Kaye Rechner

It was a great privilege to umpire the Bandits when Gary was coach. It was even a greater privilege to call Gary a friend. When ever I was in Red Deer umpiring ladies ball he was there cheering his team on. I will always remember our great visits.

— Glenn Pennett

Love and condolences to Auntie Joyce and my cousins. We will always have our camping and fishing memories at Buck Lake amongst many more...Thank you for having Uncle Ron and I honour Uncle Gary in song. Love you all ♥ RIP Uncle Gary

— Tina & Tasha Mah

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