



Gary Allen Lintner

May 13, 1944 - January 9, 2020

Gary Allen Lintner, 75, from Waldport, Oregon passed away on January 9, 2020. He was born on May 13, 1944 in Billings, Montana to Forrest and Alice Lintner.

Gary served in the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam era. Following in his father's footsteps, Gary became a commercial airline pilot. He loved to travel with old friends, making new friends where ever he went. He was an avid collector of WW II memorabilia, especially aircraft models in 1/72 scale. Friends say Gary was a Rock Hound, a very easy hobby to pick up on the Oregon Coast. He also had a real soft spot for all his canine pals. Gary had a quick wit, infectious laugh, and was fiercely loyal to those he loved.

Gary is preceded in death by his father Forrest Lintner, mother Alice Booth, stepmother Nancy Lintner, sister Susan Lintner, and brother Dean Lintner.

He is survived by his sister Jennifer Daley, brother-in-law Stephen Daley, brother Steven Lintner, brother-in-law Casino Bruno, sister-in-law Kathy Lintner, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I just Googled Gary to see if he was still slipping the surly bonds. My screen is a bit blurry. Gary was one of my favorite neighbors when we lived at the airpark in Athol, and I'd heard via a friend that he had moved to Oregon. What a character, and rarely seen without Heinz, his faithful sidekick. Some were offended by his colorful vocabulary, but I only saw the kind man with a good heart and many great stories gathered over a lifetime of adventure. I remember when he accidentally scalped Heinz while exercising him on a fun run beside the pickup. The colorful vocabulary couldn't hide his love and concern for Heinz. I always had to laugh at how he got Heinz to "talk," amazingly in a voice that was quite similar to Gary's voice. I really miss Gary's Christmas letters and wish we had kept in touch after we moved from the airpark. RIP, Gary. I think God probably put you in charge of teaching angels how to fly. We'll meet again, and you'll recognize me with the pack of Pointers.

Ali Stanley - May 12, 2025 at 11:27 PM

LC

Your story made me laugh through tears. I found out tonight that he has passed. I knew him as a child when he had a dog named Balzac. He was my dad's best friend and one of my most favorite people in the world. He sent a letter and a vase to me only a couple of years before he passed away. I hadn't seen him in years. He was one in a billion. My heart aches but reading your story in particular really brought him back for me. He was technicolor, somewhat of an assault to the senses in the most wonderful of ways. He made my baby daughter cry from his boisterous greeting and I loved him all the more for it. I wouldn't temper him for anything. Thank you for being a part of something I could attach to as part of my loss; our loss. He was something great in this world and I am so honored to be a part of a group that understands his contribution.

lorna cochran - October 12, 2025 at 02:25 AM



“ 4 files added to the album *Julie Parker*



Bateman Newport LLC - June 29, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Jenny Daley*



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“ 18 files added to the album *Eric Blomskog*



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“ Gary Allen Lintner

August 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ Now God has someone to keep him busy.

Robert Shotzberger - June 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ I've just known him from the Mayday video only to find he was deceased. Such a wonderful and heroic life he lived. May he rest in peace.

Lily - April 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ Sad to see Gary passed away. Gary had the best sense of humor of any man I've met in my time. He reminded me of Johnny Fever of the WKRP show which was popular then. Yes he loved dogs. In the early 80s he had this half lab half monster named Balzak. Gary & Balzak had been thrown out of the villages because Balzak hated other dogs and would attack them on sight. I lived in Gary's duplex on Nichols street in Anchorage from 81 to 83 and was there when he met Darcy. Sadly he sold the joint to a stripper and we all moved apart. My dad often talks about flying with Gary in his Citabria. Until we meet again buddy.

David Welsh - December 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ There's a saying about everyday ordinary people doing extraordinary things. The entire crew of Reeve 8 epitomizes this. This crew never gave up, and it's because of the efforts of people like Gary, we have an example to follow for generations of pilots after him.

Scott Fitzpatrick - October 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Reader, Soooooo sad that Gary passed away. I only saw his Air Crash Investigation S12 E1 (of 08/June/1983). Gary had that great sense of humor that is so entertaining and struck some needed humor in what could ultimately be a serious & tragic event. The episode was the best as I've watched it many times and still laugh my ass off. I'm sure THAT was normal MO and that's why everyone liked Gary. Gary and I are the same age and when my time comes I'll visit Gary there will be some interesting conversations...His family must be so proud of him.. RIP Gary... You are the greatest. Mike Lucas

Mike Lucas - September 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ 12/24/2020, almost a year since Gary departed on his final flight 'West' I sure do miss the rascal & spud. everyone one of Gary's letters & stories are in my keep-safe stash. n_kellman@yahoo.com

Nortman Kellman - December 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ "And once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward; for there you have been, and there you would return." We miss you terribly.

Shanan & Eric Blomskog - March 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ kare you & anyone may reach me at n_kellman@yahoo.com anytime.this past weekend was the weekend that we usually spent together hanging out & getting into mischief in tucson.we sure do miss that scoundrel. Gary's departure has left an indelible scar upon our heart.

norman kellman - February 16, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Gary was my pilot on that March flight out of Elmendorf in 1991, 40 minutes into flight I reported an acid smell in the cargo upper level sharing with passenger on the same level, Gary came to my aid to help find the smoke in the cargo area I found the box that was smoking, time was of essence, Gary gave what instructions he could, without his skill in getting this plane down from 20,000 ft in 13 minutes should be in the record books, even the Electra people wanted to meet this man, Gary and I bonded after that incident, he wrote me a personal letter which I have in my den my airline room, I was the only flight attendant on board, after I left Reeve I continued my flying career with Alaska Air, he took me to dinner in Seattle while I was in training, I will miss him very much, I wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for Gary and his flying skills, Rest In Peace Gary. Linda Sheppard-Millette.

Linda - February 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Norman, Gary and I giggled about your warning re: greasy spoon waitresses! Wish I knew how to reach you. I don't work there anymore. Karen

Bryan Bateman - February 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Gary was an unique individual who will be sorely missed by all that knew him. He wasn't shy about imparting his views on the world and his favorite subject Aviation. I flew with Gary at Reeve Aleutian Airways for many years and was an eager recipient of his aviation knowledge. As my skills and knowledge grew over the years I would challenge him on L-188 Electra aircraft systems and performance knowledge. Often times there would be a disagreement, that would result in a 25 cent bet. The books would come out in search of the correct answer and as usual I ended up paying. I did however get a few of his quarters that I kept in my Flight Bag and would always show them to him when we flew together, he would act annoyed and then we would both laugh about it. Boy he truly did hate losing those quarters though. I could tell lots of good stories about Gary and our time flying together, but it would fill up a book. I will however mention one. Everyone knows about the propeller coming off the Electra. Gary and I had an aircraft emergency together that still ranks as my scariest moment in 40yrs of flying, it was an inflight fire in the upper deck cargo with passengers onboard. Without his decisive actions, command abilities and crew coordination, the outcome could have been the loss of an aircraft and all souls onboard. Everyone walked away from that flight with only a story to tell. Rest in peace Gary and if reincarnation is real, I hope you have the luck to sit in the Copilot seat and be mentored by some old Cantankerous Captain

Don Childs Capt Reeve Aleutian Airways - February 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

NK

“To fly west, my friend, is a flight we all must take for a final check. Thank You Eric for informing me of Gary's passing. Sara Jane, Stacey Hannah & me are deeply saddened to learn of our very old friend & comrade's exodus from life. Gary may be gone from sight but never from the memories of those who's lives he touched where his memory will persist for eternity. we loved hanging with Gary. in Alaska, Athol, Tucson & Waldport. almost made it to Cairns, what a trip THAT would have been. he really loved Darcy, but loved flying more. Gary loved the Little Ponderosa & Dogs especially "Heinz" & that darn "Spud" that was always getting him in trouble with the neighbors. he hated technology and was often defeated by the internet & computers. he hated the blue honda pilot too. but loved the toyota & his Ford Ranchero. we're ALL gonna miss the annual letter, photos of his models & deep dark stories. while the dark curtain of sadness has descended on the family, friends & colleagues it's only temporary. there's going to be a new bright light shining in the heavens above and that's Gary. 73's, norman

norman m. kellman - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JD

“Whenever I hear the Cat Steven's song "Wild World" I always think of my brother due to the line in the lyrics "take good care", his famous sign off in written letters. I seem to be hearing that song more lately or perhaps I'm more in tune to it now. At any rate....a Garyism which he got from our dad....I'm choosing to see this as a hello from the other side and I hope those who read this will as well whenever you hear the song. Take good care big brother. Until we meet again ❤️

Jenny Daley - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *The hero pilot who has learned through "Apocalypse in the Sky" has saved the entire flight with superb technology and extraordinary courage. Mourn!*

Princess Muffy - January 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *通过《空中浩劫》了解的这位英雄飞行员，他以高超的技术和过人的胆识拯救了整个航班的人。哀悼！ A hero pilot！ Rest In peace.*


Flanker.W - January 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *One of my favorite pics of Gary (in his bathrobe) I took this while visiting him in AZ, woke up and found him tinkering with a cup of coffee. So glad to have always been a recipient of his Christmas letter, this year did not disappoint. Thank you for always letting us into your world and sharing your stories and your perspectives. Love you, Gary! Such an amazing guy! Forever in my heart, Give Dean a hug for me!*

Julie Parker - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *I met Gary at the Salty Dawg Saloon in Waldport Oregon, his most recent haunt for breakfast. It was nearly three years ago. " at any rate....." Gary was the sunshine of many of the staff's morning....he was a regular, a phenomenal tipper, a patient and caring soul. Spud and Gary. Spud links on the ticket meant wrap em in foil to go....Gary was scared to go back to the car without treats. Anyway, always remember to bring sugar free syrup! " Cause I'm too God-Damn sweet already!!" We visited about Seattle during years we both lived there. Okay., I'm done* 

Karen Bateman - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ When Gary came to town and stayed with Dean and I he shared so many many great stories! Between Dean and Gary the house was roaring with laughter! I miss it so much. Gary always stayed in touch after his brother Dean passed away. That meant so much to me. He was loyal to the end. I will miss him!

Kathy Lintner - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My name is Carol Ferro and I am very saddened by my second cousin's passing... My mother is Janet Barker (Gary's first cousin from his mother's side) and we will miss him dearly as we both live in Oregon and recently just spent this Christmas with Gary and had a wonderful time together. My mother (Janet) and Gary would often reminisce together remembering their childhood summers in Libby Montana where they would both come together with their siblings and visit their grandmother. With Gary living so close in proximity to my mother and myself we are used to seeing him often and will miss his presence in our daily lives. Our Deepest sympathy to all other family members at this time of grief! Sincerely yours, Carol and Janet

Carol Ferro(cousin) - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Gray can still laugh about a serious situation.

Eric Blomskog - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Gary Allen Lintner

Kimberly Lintner-Chang - January 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM