



Gary H Ricketts

January 30, 1956 - April 13, 2018

Gary Ricketts, loving husband and father, lost his battle with cancer on Friday, April 13, 2018. He fought a great fight, and beat the odds, laid out by the doctors, by nearly 5 years. He said cancer made him a better man, and everyday he tried to make someone's day better by sharing his story with everyone who would listen. He hoped that his strength gave many others the strength to fight harder to survive.

Born in Long Beach, CA to Gary and Eileen Ricketts, both of whom he survived.

He worked at the Lincoln County Juvenile Correction Facility, as well as the Lincoln County School District, and felt that he made a positive difference in the lives of the kids that passed through the doors.

For many years he was an EMT-I/fire fighter, working with the Siletz Fire District, and together they saved many lives and some homes. Currently he was on the board for the Siletz Fire District helping them to get grants for equipment, training, and retrofitting the building for earthquakes.

Gary is survived by his wife of 26 years, Karen and his beautiful daughter Sara, his son in law Taylor, his brother Mitchell, and Karen's family who loved him dearly.

He will be missed by far more people than he ever dreamed.

Viewing will be Friday, April 27th, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and Saturday, April 28th, from 11:00 to 12:00 at Bateman Funeral Home, service to follow at 12:00. Grave side is at Eureka Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ I'm really sad just learning about this. He briefly taught sign language the year it was discontinued. He helped my self esteem so much. I was always a goof off and one way I goofed off was by writing stories. After his class, he read one of them and it made him laugh so much that he was red in the face. I only remember good things about him and since I was a spazzy teenager, that says a lot. I miss him a lot.

Sheana - August 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ What a great man. He was such a leader, man of pride and grace. The world will be a little darker without his presence. He definitely fought the good fight. Much Love and respect.



Shelly - May 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Laura Harden-Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Gary H Ricketts



Laura Harden-Hargrove - April 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I worked with Gary at the Juvenile Department. He was great with the kids and staff. He always had a big smile on his face. He showed great intelligence and at the same time he was full of Grace. Gary Thankyou for everything you where teaching me. Thankyou for your kindness. Thankyou for being a Gentleman. May God give your Wife and family the strength to get through this trying time. RIP my awesome friend. We shall meet again. Gabriela.

Gabriela Weiss-Vickers - April 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I will miss you my friends. I will carry on your legacy. Gabriela

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