



## Gary Charles Doughty

July 7, 2021

Gary Charles Doughty, 84, of Fort Collins, CO, passed away on July 7th, 2021, in Fort Collins. Gary was born December 7, 1936, in Wichita, Kansas and was adopted by Frances Chesler.

Growing up, he enjoyed his summers in Moreland, Kansas with his Aunt Margie Cunningham. Gary and his mom spent his teenage years in Colorado Springs, Colorado. One of his favorite adventures was working with the Sky Sox minor league baseball team as the groundskeeper. While attending CSU, he met the love of his life and most patient woman in the world, F. Patricia Gibbons in the Wesley Foundation of the Methodist Church. They were married September 7, 1958, and had two children, Linda Sue, the Washington baby, and Margaret Lynn, the Oregon baby. In 1960, they moved to Bellingham, Washington where Gary graduated from Western Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. In 1967 he earned his Master of Science in Education from Oregon College of Education. They relocated to Loveland, Colorado, for a few years where Gary taught elementary school and made some lifelong friends. Midwest, Wyoming was home for the next 14 years with both girls graduating high school in classes numbering under thirty students. There were many visits and vacations with the Colorado crew during those years. Gary spent the early years in Midwest teaching elementary school and experimenting with the open classroom concept, but moved on to Industrial Arts for the remainder of his tenure. After retiring from teaching, Pat and Gary settled in Fort Collins, Colorado, their old stomping grounds. Gary had a second career as a Park Ranger at Lory State Park. It was during this time that he met his honorary daughter, Kim Gibbs. She and her wife, Collette, have remained a constant in the Doughty family for over 30 years.

Gary had more hobbies than daughters over the years. Motorcycles, cars, mechanics, building, designing, hiking, knives, guns, target shooting, telescopes and astronomy, tiny living spaces, computers, mathematics, videos, cooking, camping, trains, books, philosophy, art, writing are among the many things he spent time exploring. One of his greatest joys in the later years was being a member of the Write Group at the Fort Collins

Senior Center.

Gary is survived by his wife, Patricia Gibbons Doughty, of Fort Collins, CO, daughters Linda (Lothar) Doughty Kneifel of Oro Valley, AZ, and Margo (Pat) Tsunemori of Elko, NV, honorary daughters Kim and Collette Clarkson and six grandchildren; Martina, Johanna, Laura, David, Hayden and Leah. Gary is preceded in death by his mother, Frances Chesler.

Per Gary's request, a private burial was held at Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Willard, CO.

# Comments

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“ Gary’s writings never failed to catch my interest. His tales of his lifetime were always captivating. The fact that I too, lived in Kansas for over 20 years allowed me to connect with him in many ways.

He had a tremendous amount knowledge in so many different topics, as noted above, and never failed to engage the Writer’s Group. He will be missed by us all.

**Judy Holzwart** - July 30, 2021 at 12:39 PM

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**Linda Doughty** - July 17, 2021 at 02:08 PM

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“ Gary, the curmudgeon of the Writers Group at Fort Collins Senior Center, was the main reason I kept going. I never knew who, or what, he would pick on that week. His heartfelt pieces on growing up were memorable. He kept our feet to the fire when it came to writing and I admired him for that and his positives feedbacks. Sharon Reinan



**Sharon Reinan** - July 16, 2021 at 09:48 AM

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“ Gary was one of the most interesting members of our Senior Writers Group. He was always energetically engaged with the other members and their writings, and always had fascinating writings of his own to read and share. He is missed greatly, as he made an indelible impression on us all.

**Bobby Parrott** - July 15, 2021 at 01:13 PM

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**Bobby Parrott** - July 15, 2021 at 01:10 PM

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“ Cheryl Calheiros lit a candle in memory of Gary Charles Doughty



**Cheryl Calheiros** - July 12, 2021 at 05:40 PM

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“ My heart goes out to you Linda and your family.  
May you all find peace during this difficult time .

**Cheryl Calheiros** - July 12, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ Thank you, Cheryl.

**Linda** - July 17, 2021 at 02:00 PM