



Gary Joe Huett

February 10, 1943 - February 1, 2016

Gary Huett, 72, of Fort Collins died on February 1, 2016.

Gary was born February 10, 1943 in Denver, and grew up on a farm near Wattenberg. He graduated from Brighton High School in 1961.

Gary had an engineer's mind, and he put that to good use in earning a Mechanical Engineering degree from CSU in 1965. A few months before graduation, he married the love of his life, Karen Luelf of Fort Collins.

Gary served his country in Vietnam in 1967, and was awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded in action. In good ways and bad, Gary's experiences in Southeast Asia affected him for the rest of his life.

After returning home, Gary went on with the work of starting his career and starting a family. His daughter Gina was born in 1968 and son Mike was born in 1970. He worked for Public Service Company of Colorado for his entire career until retiring in 2002.

Gary led an active life, and enjoyed bicycling, hiking 14ers and coaching youth sports teams. Later in life, Gary participated in Larimer County Search and Rescue, and came to loathe the silly mistakes made by novice hikers. He also had a special affinity for the "It's a Small World" ride at Disney World, where

he would often hop on the ride several times in a row.

Gary had an unmatched passion for cookies and customer service, occasionally demanding (and receiving) the highest level of service from the local cookie shop. His engineer's mind was kept sharp later in life by thoroughly reading instruction manuals, sometimes reading them multiple times all the way through. He was unquestionably a bear for details.

Gary was preceded in death by his brother Gale; father Joe and mother Arlyne.

Gary is survived by his wife, Karen of Ft. Collins; daughter Gina of Denver; son Mike and daughter-in-law Becky of Broomfield; grandson JP of Broomfield; and brother and sister-in-law Dennis and Sharron, of Madison, Wisconsin.

Gary was crazy about his grandson, and enjoyed watching JP play baseball, soccer, basketball and golf.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Joe Huett

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I was so sorry to read about Gary's death. He made me feel welcome when I began work at Public Service Company in the mid 1970's. I had a chance to backpack a little with Gary and another friend, and I enjoyed his company a lot. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Ralph Dorland

Ralph Dorland - February 06, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ To Gary's Family,

I wish you blessings of good memories with Gary, and pray that God will comfort and console you during this very difficult time.

I had the pleasure of working under Gary in Fort Collins between 1995 and the year he retired in 2002. He was a truly dedicated engineer and manager, always paying attention to detail, delivering the best of himself while expecting and demanding the best from those working for him. I learned a great deal from Gary and believe he made me a better engineer, and for that I am grateful. Please know that he made a positive influence on many peoples lives.

Condolences and God Bless, Randy Blank

Randy Blank - February 04, 2016 at 02:56 PM

EM

“ Huett family--I never met you but I knew Gary from his beginnings at Public Service Co. I did some training for him when I was in Boulder and he was on the EIT training program. I always enjoyed being around him--great sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss! Ed Mally

Ed Mally - February 04, 2016 at 02:50 PM

BH

“ Karen,

To you and your family, I am very sorry for your loss. I worked with Gary for several years at Public Service Company and I remember how dedicated he was to his physical fitness. Because of how fit I remember him being, I was very shocked to learn in this mornings paper of his passing. My thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Bruce Hansford

Bruce Hansford - February 04, 2016 at 09:53 AM

KS

“ Dear Karen and Family, please know how sorry we are to hear about Gary. We will miss all his funny Nicknames!! I think the Fossils is still the Best. He sure named us well! All us old gals in the neighborhood, and our lunch group!! Karen Please know I am always here for you!!! I am just a couple of houses away! Sending you All Lots of Love 🤔 Jack and Kathy Swan

Kathy Swan - February 04, 2016 at 09:21 AM

JH

“ Gary was such a kind and sharing boss. He taught me so much about the natural gas systems and I appreciate his dedication each and every day. Not a single decision I make is without the knowledge he taught me. I am eternally grateful for his guidance and patience. Sincerely, Jeanette Harris

Jeanette Harris - February 04, 2016 at 08:56 AM

MM

“ Dear Huett Family, I worked with Gary at PSCo. He was one of the best teachers I ever had - in life and in the classroom. He led a program about Natural Gas distribution systems - and took the complicated concepts and made them understandable for the non-engineer. He demanded and deserved the utmost respect.

I'm very sorry for your loss. He died too young.

Micki McMillan

Micki McMillan - February 04, 2016 at 05:56 AM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Gary Joe Huett



Chrissy - February 03, 2016 at 02:47 PM