



Gary Vredeveld

December 11, 1947 - August 9, 2012

Gary Vredeveld passed away on August 9, 2012 in Prescott, Arizona with his family at his side. He was born on December 11, 1947 in Almelo, Holland, the son of Heinrich and Gerritje Vredeveld. He immigrated with his family to America via Ellis Island. Gary attended school in Salt Lake City, Utah. He enlisted in the United States Army at an early age and served honorably through tours of duty in Viet Nam and Korea, earning several medals and honors. After his military service he settled in Phoenix, Arizona where he met his wife, Linda. Gary began a career in law enforcement with the Phoenix Police Dept. and then transferred to the Prescott Police Dept. in 1979 where he and Linda raised their two sons. His family was his most precious asset and he retired in 2008 to enjoy a more relaxed life. His love of street rods led him to become a member of the Mountain Top Street Rodders where he and Linda enjoyed many outings and car shows with wonderful friends. He served his country and community with pride while always putting his family first. Gary is survived by his loving wife of 39 years; two wonderful sons and "daughters" Kelly and Erin Vredeveld and Chris and Jennie Vredeveld, along with three beautiful grandsons: Weston, Declan and Dalton Vredeveld. He is also survived by brothers Henk Vredeveld, Luitsen (Carol) Vredeveld, Bert (Tina) Vredeveld and sister, Ann Booth. Private services were conducted at Sunrise Funeral Home in Prescott Valley.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Vredeveld

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ Our hearts ache for this loss. What a remarkable man who impacted so many lives, including ours. Our love especially to Linda. Well wishes to the boys, and also to the grandsons. Peace be with all of you soon.

Veronica, Lauren, & Savannah - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts are breaking for you, Linda, and for all your family. We wish we could have done something to assist you in some way but please know that you are still in our prayers and thoughts. I know that you already know that Gary was a man of honor, values, and ethics but we wanted you to know that we felt that same way of both of you and your two sons. If we can be of service to you in any fashion please do not hesitate to call. We will continue to respect your request for privacy but it's hard when all I want to do is hold you in my arms and protect you in some way. I know you have your boys, their wives, your three grandsons! not to mention your wonderful sisters and their families so I know you are being comforted by them. Please extend our condolences to Kelly, Erin, Chris and Jennie as well. Love, Mary and David

Mary and David Lundy - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Kelly and Erin, we are so very sorry for you loss. Our hearts and thoughts go out to you and your family at this difficult time.

Anamarie - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Kelly, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Melcher Printing - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Linda, Kelly & Chris
We were very saddened to hear about your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

In 1986, it was Gary that called me at the Yuma Police Dept and advised that Prescott PD wanted to hire me. He at the time was in charge of the hiring process.

May God Bless you all.

Dave & Pam Goode Family

Dave & Pam Goode - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ It was a pleasure to work with Gary at the PD and later cross paths in his retirement- he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Ski Cahall - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Remembering Gary and our work together for the Kiwanis Club of Prescott years back. He was a tireless worker with a warm smile and great spirit.

Prayers and thoughts to Linda and Family.

Godspeed Gary!

Kevin Lane - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Ed met Gary while volunteering at the Police dept. He was also our realtor, and good friend. We are sad to hear about his passing, and will miss his friendship.

RIP Gary

Ed & Judy Stavneak - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Gary was a tremendous example of selflessness and a great friend to our community. I knew him as a great father to his sons, excellent husband to his wife, a coach and mentor to so many young people, and a true friend. If a man is to be measured by the lasting impression he makes, Gary Vredeveld was truly a success. You will be dearly missed.

Casey & Keri Wohlwend - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Gary was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He always had a smile on his face unless he was talking about his wife and sons --- then he had a huge grin on his face! My condolences to his family on his passing.

Judy Carson - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My prayers are with Gary's family. Gary and I worked together at the Squaw Peak sub-station for the Phoenix P.D. then later worked together while at the Prescott P.D. What a wonderful friend and excellent police officer. He will be missed.

Barry - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Gary and Linda were the best neighbors. I am extremely grateful that Kelly and Chris had such devoted parents and shared some of the same values that I did. Gary was interested in the Community, and served as the 4-H horse leader for the kids of Coyote Springs. He was civic minded and a hard working man. He will be missed.

Connie Etzkin - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My deepest condolences to the family and loved ones. Gary was the calm during the storm, the smile to break the tension, the reasonable quiet man, who prevailed with the finest of class during our meetings and tournaments.

When unsure, I turned to him for guidance in the soccer world. From my short time around him, I know that you all must be hurting deeply with the loss of him in your life now. He loved his family, including his law enforcement one.

May you find comfort in knowing that this gentle spirit touched many.

Katie - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My heart goes to Gary's family. I worked with this man for over 5 years. He is a kind man. May the Good Lord give you peace and comfort.

Christi Edwards - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Gary Vredevel

Ron Reolle - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I was saddened to here the news from Kelly today when he visited our store. Gary was a quality guy. I met Gary and family when he purchased a boat from me years ago. We became friends over the years and we swapped several stories of family fun on the water and beyond! Best wishes to the Vredeveld family, I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,
Rob

Rob Smith - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Nomrlaly I'm against killing but this article slaughtered my ignorance.

Jermajesty - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM