



Garry W. Reid

March 29, 1952 - May 31, 2020

Garry W. Reid, 68, of Benicia passed away peacefully Sunday at his home. He was the son of Warren Reid of Buffalo, New York and Virginia Catlin of Sarasota, Florida. Garry was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and moved to the Bay Area 40 years ago and to Benicia in 1982. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech University followed by a Masters of Science in environmental engineering from the same university. While at Georgia Tech, he joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and he remained “brothers for life” with his dearest friends.

Garry worked as an environmental engineer for more than 30 years. Places of employment include the following: Occidental Chemical, Stockton, CA, Kleinfelder Associates, Walnut Creek, CA, The Mark Group, Pleasant Hill, CA, GIS Solutions, Concord, CA and for Gound Zero Analysis, Manteca, CA. He was an avid golfer and a sports fanatic. Hours were spent watching all golf tournaments, basketball, especially the Warriors and of course his beloved 49ers. He was a gourmet cook and loved to have friends and family to entertain and BBQ. He also relished all types of music and will forever be Jimmy Buffet’s biggest fan. Garry was a windsurfer and avid traveler. He has traveled across the United States several times in his van but always came back to his home in Benicia where he could enjoy the magnificent sunsets with his wife and daughter. Garry was “larger than life”, his presence filled a room, and as most people strive to live life at 100%, Garry lived it at 200%. In

his daughter's words "No woman could have asked for a more fun, engaging and loving dad. He leaves behind a huge legacy for me."

A friend wrote "Garry was exceptional in the truest sense. He was full of life, honest, and uncompromising, a real Falstaff without the boasting. But most of all he was generous and caring and all of his friends and there were many, will miss him dearly. It's a very, very, sad day."

Garry is survived by his wife Beth; daughters Chelsea Reid and her fiance Joshua Navez-Barry, Samantha Reid, his granddaughter Denise Elledge; brother Richard (Stephanie) Reid; nephews Warren Reid, Benjamin Chadwick and William Chadwick; niece Leigh -Ann Keener, his in-laws Helen & Edwin Chadwick; brother in laws Robert (Alejandra), Philip (Roberta) and Jeffrey Chadwick and his two dogs Lola & Aiya.

Due to the current situation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Please visit the online tribute for service updates and to post a memory at www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 745-3130

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If you care to make a donation in Garry's name, please consider one of these organizations:

Humane Society of the North Bay

hsnb.org

1-707-645-7905

Environmental Defense Fund

edf.org

1(202) 572-3298

Tribute Wall



“ *Garry W. Reid*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *From the moment I met Garry, it was clear that Beth and him were going to be together. His enthusiasm for enjoying life was contagious so when you were around him you had no choice but to join in. Garry loved to bring pleasure to others whether it was cooking an amazing gourmet meal, organizing an outing, or just texting jokes. He cared deeply about his friends and was always interested in their lives. Garry's will always be remembered as a free spirit and he lives on in our memories and hearts.*

Holly Kaiser - June 22, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Garry was an unfailing source of warmth and charm. He brightened every occasion. Clever, witty, greatly humorous, with just enough goading to provide the sauce. He definitely had a devilish side, which made me love him all the more. He was the party king, drank long and deep but could still play golf the next day. Garry had more talent for friendship than anyone I ever knew. He must have had hundreds of friends, but I'll bet he could remember everything important they ever told him. He was one in a million and my life will be lessened by his passing. If I live another 20 years (doubtful) and I try my darndest I will never catch up to his lifetime total of fun. You will be missed, buddy!*

Will Roberts - June 14, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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I couldn't have said better, Will. We will miss him forever, but hope he is listening to his favorite Jimmy Buffet tune, sipping on a margarita, and remembering all the amazing times, wonderful family and great friends.

Diane Dias - June 19, 2020 at 03:21 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Will Roberts - June 14, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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“ *Judy Young and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Garry W. Reid.*



Judy Young and family - June 14, 2020 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Garry lived life to the fullest and always smiling, laughing and joking. what a loss for his family and many friends. Good-bye you parrothead! Cindy & Darron*

Cynthia Towle - June 13, 2020 at 05:23 PM