



Gary C. Wiss Jr.

June 24, 1964 - February 16, 2022

Gary Wiss Jr. (affectionately called “Bliss” by many) passed away at 57 years old on February 16, 2022. Gary lit up the world with his love, kindness, and amazing style.

Born and raised in Vallejo, CA where his loving parents Rayma and Thommy Prebula still reside, Gary graduated from Hogan High School.

Gary had a true eye for design and a talent in creating beautiful and thought-provoking interiors. Combining his education at California College of the Arts with his love and study of fine art and architecture coupled with a design vocabulary deeply informed by extensive global travel, Gary truly designed his dream career and built a life in San Francisco. He began his career at Brayton Hughes Design and later went on to create his own firm, Wiss Design Studio. Long after departing Brayton Hughes, colleagues continued to seek him out for input and collaboration. Gary designed and created beautiful boutique hotels, corporate hospitality spaces, commercial venues, breathtaking homes, and even a notable tech startup that we all use today.

In addition to his love of design, philanthropy and helping others was of the utmost importance to Gary. For many years he dedicated himself to the important cause of affordable and accessible mental healthcare. He served on the board of directors of Access Institute for Psychological Services, a San Francisco based non-profit, and was its board chair for three years. He loved his volunteer work, and he loved bringing people together to do good in the world. He believed deeply in the power of human connection and was a

natural leader—inspiring others with his caring heart and generous spirit. His service to the community made a difference in the lives of countless people whose mental healthcare he made possible.

Aside from his professional accolades, Gary will most be remembered for the abundance of love he held for his family and friends. Whether traveling to Bhutan, sunning in Capri, venturing to New York City, or enjoying back yard cookouts, Gary was always surrounded by loved ones.

He was an amazing big brother to Bret (Bubba as Gary affectionately called him) and enjoyed spending holidays and weekends with his parents in Vallejo. When Bret married his wife Jaclyn in 2009, Gary welcomed her into the family, proudly announcing that he finally had a sister. In 2012, Gary's niece (and one of the greatest loves of his life) Emersen was born. With an intense dedication and commitment to watching her grow, Gary left San Francisco and moved to Benicia 2019.

Gary was a special soul, that continually brought joy and laughter to the people around him. Though he will be missed greatly, there is immense comfort in knowing that his light and energy will continue to inspire greatness in those who loved him.

Gary is survived by his mother and father - Rayma and Thommy Prebula, brother and sister-in-law- Bret and Jaclyn Prebula, his niece Emersen Prebula, and his beloved dog Twiggy.

A celebration of life will be held on March 20, 2022, at the Catherine Clark Gallery, 248 Utah Street in San Francisco from 2pm-5pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Access Institute in Gary's honor (www.accessinst.org).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **20**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Catherine Clark Galley
248 Utah Street
San Francisco, CA

Tribute Wall



“ Gary C. Wiss Jr.

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Gary, I am not sure that I'm your best friend, you have so many friends, but you were mine. We shared so much, laughed so hard, pushed each other through and you shared everything with me, encouraged me, advised me and held my hand through Harry Potter. You supported my dreams and inspired my imagination. I always stopped to ask 'What would Gary do?'. This was the very last thing I was prepared for and I've yet to find the courage to accept it. I'm forever fractured but I'm going to try and put that Japanese practice of turning the break into beauty somehow. You will need to help me with it. I will keep you close and share the memory of all you brought to me and this world with anyone in earshot. I love you Jeffro!

Leslie Slavens - March 20, 2022 at 04:18 AM



“ Leslie S. purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Gary C. Wiss Jr..

Leslie S. - March 20, 2022 at 03:52 AM

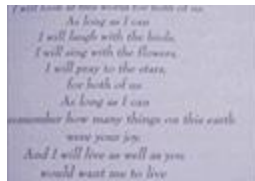
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“ I am Melanie & Robyn's Aunt Shirley. When your Aunt Cheryl died I found this poem FOR AS LONG AS I CAN and it brought such comfort. They both called me because they were sure I would want to know. Your mom and dad mean so much to the family. Love and prayers. ~~Aunt Shirley

Shirley Hutton - March 05, 2022 at 09:49 AM

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Shirley Hutton - March 05, 2022 at 09:45 AM

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“ Lover!!! We just reconnected in September and were supposed to have dinner when I got back to SF. I love you, and will cherish and adore you always. I'm devastated that you've left too soon, but you are etched on my heart. You filled the world with light, laughter, love and beauty. And you will remain with all of us here until we join you. Now get busy decorating Heaven so it is imbued with your glow when I arrive!!!



Kathleen Monroe - February 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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“ Gary was such a bright light and it was always fun to be in his company, professionally and personally. I am shocked and saddened that we have lost this amazing man. As I wrote to his dearest friends Karen and Michael, I like to think of Gary UP THERE with cocktail in hand orchestrating the installation of all new drapes in just the right shade of white. Rest In Peace my friend, you will be greatly missed!
John DiQuattro Jr

John DiQuattro Jr - February 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM

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What a darling witness to an amazing man.

Shirley Hutton - March 05, 2022 at 11:53 AM

KM

“ Oh Gar! Such a special human. Thank you for making me laugh, your sweet comfortable nature. Your loving spirit! I worked with Gary at BHD, he was the one everyone wanted to be around. He played with my hair..he had the best style. He gave me a set of ottomans and they've moved into every living room I've had in every phase of my adult life. My daughter plays on them now...I'll continue to treasure them and him always. Condolences from the bottom of my heart to his family, friends and pup. What a beautiful tribute. Thank you for sharing him.
❤️ With love, Katie

katie mattias - February 27, 2022 at 01:41 PM