



Gary Siamon

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Gary Siamon, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away in Ormond Beach, Florida. Born on February 14, 1937, in Los Angeles, California, Gary moved to Brooklyn, New York, as an infant, where he had fond memories of his upbringing in the East New York section of the borough. After marrying Bonnie, his partner in life and adventure, Gary moved to the “Borscht Belt” in the Catskill Mountains, where they raised their family. His wife Bonnie, his two sons Paul (Joyce) and Douglas (Wendy), and four grandchildren Deric, Rachel, David, and Zoe are left to cherish his memory.

Gary's life was marked by a spirit of adventure and creativity. A true Renaissance Man, he flew planes, sailed boats, rode motorcycles, and traveled the world, always seeking new experiences and embracing challenges with open arms. His natural curiosity led him to explore many creative pursuits, including jewelry making, photography, and beekeeping. Whether it was tinkering with new gadgets or crafting something by hand, Gary's mind was always engaged, and he was never far from the latest trends in the ever-evolving world of technology and innovation.

Gary's professional life was equally diverse. Alongside his wife, Bonnie, he owned a small paint and wallpaper store. He served in the Army Reserves and was recalled during the Berlin Crisis under President Kennedy. Later, he found his calling as a teacher at the Ellenville Central School, where he became a valued member of the community. His work extended beyond the classroom—he served as a computer coordinator and chief negotiator for the teacher's contracts, showcasing his leadership and commitment to his colleagues.



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After retiring, Gary and Bonnie moved to Ormond Beach, FL, where Gary continued to pursue his passions. He became an avid Bridge player, a docent at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, and a Guardian ad Litem, advocating for children in need.

Gary's legacy lives on through his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a man of intellect, creativity, and boundless curiosity, whose love for life and dedication to those around him inspired everyone he met. His memory will forever remind us to embrace life's adventures, keep learning, and cherish our loved ones.



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JM

Jeff Miller posted:

So sorry to hear your sad news. May your memories of Gary serve as a blessing. You will be in "my" area, although I am over a bridge in Maryland, not too far away to preclude a potential get-together in the future. Love, Cousin Jeff PS I loved his articles "My Lens" such as the following. Gary Siamon A View From My Lens 6/30/2010 I know a photographer, who I look to as a mentor, that set a goal for himself to produce and email a photograph a few times a week. It seems to me to be a wonderful exercise in self-discipline. I would like to begin the same exercise as way of allowing myself onto another path of self-expression.

January 13 at 8:32 AM

WL

Wayne Lonstein posted:

Great man, great teacher (not because I ever learned math but because his larger than life personality made the quest for knowledge the key) JV Football Coach, think he went to Thomas Jefferson High with my mom and Sidney Leibovitz A/K/A Steve Lawrence. A true renaissance figure of the 70's and 80' Ellenville. Our condolences to the family. Alav Hasholem Wayne Lonstein

December 21 at 10:53 AM

TM

Tom Mcknight posted:

Tom and Dotty McKnight remember Gary fondly! We send our sincerest condolences to his lovely family.

December 10 at 10:20 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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