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Gary died peacefully in his sleep on October 4, 2015 at the age of 70. He was born in Stockton, CA to Owen Van Manning and Dorothy Mae Sullivan Manning. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1963. He served in the United States Army from September 1965 to August 1967. He attended Delta Junior College and Fresno State University. In September 1969. Gary married Mary Fletcher. The State of California Department of Agriculture Fruit and Vegetable Quality Control employed him from 1993 until he retired in 2006. Gary enjoyed golf, fly-fishing and watching NASCAR and football. Gary is survived by his two children Michael Manning and Cori Henton; and his five grandchildren. No services will be held at his request.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Sorry to hear about Gary, He was our great boss and friend for many years. had a lot of good times. our deepest sympathy from Helen and Ramin from CDFA.

Ramin and Helen - October 15, 2015 at 11:06 PM

SP

“ My heart aches so much to hear of my dear friend Garys' passing. It's been so long since we last talked and as always I'd say "one of these days I have to call Gary" until that one day is lost forever. He was my mentor at Department of Food and Agriculture and best and most of all, my wonderful friend who helped me through the good times and the hard times and was always there with a smile and a hug. I loved Gary for that wonderful laugh of his that never seemed to stop, and the smile of his that was contagious. I will miss you dearly Gary.
Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand...

All my love,
Sharon Parsons

Sharon Parsons - October 12, 2015 at 03:10 PM

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“ I worked with Gary many years ago at CDFA. He was always quick with a joke or a funny story and pleasant to work with.
To your family, Gary.....my condolences. God bless you and you made a difference here at CDFA.

~Tony Herrera

tony herrera - October 12, 2015 at 02:39 PM

SP

“ I worked for Gary for several years at CDFA. He was a great supervisor but a better person. When not teaching me something work related, he was talking about his children. It was obvious they were his priority. I am so saddened by his passing, may he rest in peace and may his family take comfort in knowing the positive impact he had on others.

Steve Patton

steve patton - October 12, 2015 at 02:20 PM

MA

“ Gary - I enjoyed working with you at Food and Ag. We made a great team. Rest in peace. Mary A.

Mary A. - October 08, 2015 at 04:01 PM

 Marie
McNutt

“ To my god father who was always there when i was young. I have not seen you in many years but you have always and will always own a piece of my heart. I will always cherish the memories that I had with you! I love you Gary, may you rest in peace!!

Marie McNutt - October 07, 2015 at 10:03 PM

CK

“ On Saturday, October 3, after five weeks of going in and out of hospitals, my Father was put on "comfort care". This was a very hard day for both my brother and myself. We spent the day at the hospital with Dad telling him how much we love him during the limited times he was awake.

That evening, around dinner time, Dad woke up again. I asked if he was hungry and he said yes. I asked if he wanted his hamburger and he very adamantly said yes. For five weeks he had been asking for a bacon cheeseburger from Jack-in-the-Box and we had to keep telling him no, not until he was better. Since by that day we knew my Dad was not going to get better, my husband immediately drove over to Jack-in-the-Box and bought a bacon cheeseburger, fries and iced tea for Dad.

Dad ate every bite! The best and most amusing part of this story is that apparently, when my Father really enjoyed a meal, he sounded remarkably like the Cookie Monster from Sesame Street enjoying a cookie ("nom, nom, nom").

This is the memory I will carry for all my life and will help me smile during my sorrow.

To my Father, the Cookie Monster, you are missed.

Cori Keesler-Henton - October 07, 2015 at 11:17 AM