



Gary E. Valasek

January 21, 1935 - March 25, 2023

Gary E. Valasek, 88, of Grand Island, passed away March 25, 2023 surrounded by his family. A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 10th at 10:30 am at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Visitation will be on Sunday, April 9th from 5-7 pm, also at the funeral home.

Gary was born on January 21, 1935 in Springdale township east of Ord, to Bill and Cecil (Scott) Valasek. He was raised on the family farm in Davis Creek, south of Ord, and graduated from Ord High School in 1952.

On May 15, 1957, Gary was united in marriage to Mary Grace Sharp in Wray, CO. Seven children were blessed into this marriage. The family remained in Davis Creek until 1969 when they moved to Grand Island. Gary was a distributor for Amway for over 50 years.

Gary was a member of the Eagles Club, served as President of the School Board for District 38, and President of the Grand Island Northwest High School Boosters Club. In his spare time, he enjoyed welding and stock car races. He was the "Master" of garage sales, and always had a tractor, even after he stopped farming.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Mary; children Ricky Valasek of Irving, TX, Randy Valasek of Cairo, Rod (Julie) Valasek of Grand Island, Ranita (James) Hallum of Arlington, TX, Ralisa (Mike) Leaman of Doniphan, Ragina (Jimmy) McKinney of Roanoke, TX; grandchildren, Tyler (Lauren) Valasek, Morgan (Kevin) Osborn, Hunter (Ariel) Hallum, Hannah (Brett) King, Bailey (Nick) Hooker, Cole (Lauren) Leaman, Conner McKinney,

Kendall McKinney, and Cooper Mckinney; great grandchildren, Tyson Valasek, Kennedy Valasek, Quinn Valasek, Shane Osborn, Trapper Hallum, Fisher Hallum, Hadley Hooker, Brayden Hooker, Brooks Hooker, Bo Hooker, and baby boy Leaman on the way; sister, Carolyn (Marv) Witherwax of Ord; and sisters-in-law, Carla (Darwin) Larson, and Karen Sharp.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Robby; brothers, Gerald "Bud" (Elnora), Harold (Alma); daughter-in-law, Norine; his parents-in-law; and brothers-in-law, Jim, Butch, and Bill Sharp.

Special thanks to Dr. Erich Fruehling for your professionalism, friendship, and love.

Memorials are suggested to the Grace Foundation, the Shriners, or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

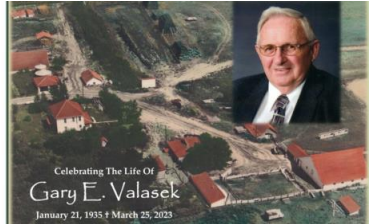
APR **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gary E. Valasek*



All Faiths Funeral Home - April 10, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Gary E. Valasek*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary E. Valasek.*



April 07, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary E. Valasek.*



April 07, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary E. Valasek.*



April 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Ralisa and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your dear father. I have such fond memories of him always so good natured and charming. It was usually your mom and dad attending countless grandchildren events and truly engaged and interested in everything. He would always tease about the ladies chatting all the time but with a wink because we all know your father was a master of communication and what a wonderful role model. Always positive and happy. Take care and treasure your memories of such a wonderful man. Sincerely
Michelle Anderson*

Michelle Anderson - April 06, 2023 at 09:35 PM



“ *Rod, Julie and family so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our prayers.*



Rick & Cathy Sekora - April 06, 2023 at 09:40 AM

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“ *Sorry for the loss of Gary. Whenever I would see him out and about he always had a smile. I bet he could talk to anyone. He has left behind a wonderful family. Peace be with you all.*

Lora and Steve Buhrman - April 05, 2023 at 09:15 AM