



Gary Russell Norton

March 31, 1939 - July 24, 2016

Gary Norton was born in Lebanon, Oregon on March 31, 1939, and grew up in Halsey, Oregon. While attending Halsey High School he met a stunning young lady, new to town, with great legs...Gloria Lister. Gary and Gloria courted and then married on July 9, 1960, and continued their love affair for 56 years.

Gary proudly served his country in the United States Army, in active duty in Korea from 1962-1964, honorably discharged in 1968. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1968, with a degree in accounting, and spent most of his career as a CPA/comptroller in the industry he loved: timber.

Gary's spare time was spent tinkering around his shop either woodworking, building model airplanes, boats, or cars, and general handyman work. He enjoyed photography, and stamp and coin collecting. He played guitar, and even dabbled in homemade wine making (with mixed results). He and Gloria were avid gardeners, creating vegetable and flower gardens envious to all. Hunting, fishing, and camping were all passions of his; he was most at home when surrounded by nature with family and friends. Upon retiring, he decided to conquer a life-long fear of flying, and became a pilot.

Model airplanes ~ building them, studying them, flying them, and often crashing them, was a keen pursuit of Gary's. But when he actually took to the skies himself his hobby turned into a love affair. Becoming a pilot was one of

his proudest accomplishments. Even when he was sick, he told numerous doctors and nurses about his triumph!

Gary passed away on July 24th, at home in Oregon City. Private cremation rites were held, and he will be laid to rest at Mt. View Cemetery in Oregon City. He is survived by his wife Gloria; his daughters, Susan Norton and Lexie Fields; his two grandson's, Jordan and Dylan Fields, and his sister Joanne Frieze. Gary was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, athlete, soldier, scout leader, coach, mentor, accountant, gardener, builder, mechanic, pilot and friend.

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“ *Gary Russell Norton*

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Randy Smithhisler - September 19, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ *I have many great memories of talking and flying model airplanes with Gary. He always had a smile on his face and a word of encouragement. I will truly miss him. I'll add a couple of photos of him helping out another modeler (Joe Topper) at the 2008 Dawn Patrol event. Best regards, Randy*

Randy Smithhisler - September 19, 2016 at 03:46 PM

RW

“ Gary was the US Scale Masters Finance Director from 2000 through 2011 and was a competitor prior to that. He was a key organizer for the Molalla, Oregon qualifier, Definitely a key organizer for developing RC Aero-Modelling in the North West. I always remember my first scale event in Mollala travelling with our Volkswagon Van and in the morning Gary would announce, at 07:00 on the loud speakers "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" and playing a appropriate marching song just to make sure we were up and getting ready for the day.
Rest in Peace: Roly and Dianne Worsfold

Roland Worsfold - September 19, 2016 at 01:44 PM

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“ Gloria - Doug and I are so saddened by Gary's passing. We have great memories though with our dinner group sharing time, great food and a little wine together for so many years. Lots of great stories were told around those tables, as well as around the campfire when we went camping. We loved that Gary always had a story about his "latest mishap" and always laughed the hardest at himself...and what a great laugh!! We shared joys and sorrows and always the love of a treasured friend. May God watch over you, care for you and give you peace. Love and hugs, Doug and Myrna

Cowley - August 07, 2016 at 09:45 PM