



Donald Gary Stark

January 8, 1957 - January 22, 2016

On January 22, 2016 Donald “Gary” Stark returned home to his creator. Gary was born to Don and Marlene Stark on January 8, 1957. He married his sweetheart Sandy Oveson (aka Slammin’ Sammy) on June 24, 1978 and together had two amazing sons. Later they gained an awesome daughter-in-law and two adorable grandchildren who were the light of his life!

In 1980 he started his career at Amoco, where he was known as “Don.” Over the 35 years that followed, the refinery in Salt Lake City became BP Amoco, BP and finally Tesoro. Although the name of the company changed, the love he had for his job, his incredible work ethic and devotion to the refinery never wavered. Don was not only a model employee, but also an amazing leader who held true to the term, “lead by example,” and always made sure that any decision he made would leave a better place for the next generation of employees. However, these qualities were not unique to only his career, he applied them to all aspects of his life.

Gary was the kind of man that you could call when you needed help with anything. Not only would he show up to help, but he would happily jump in to fix the problem for you. He was the best friend anyone could ask for.

He was a very humble man who devoted his life to family, helping others and different charitable organizations, without ever asking for any recognition in return. The most recent was the Ladies of Charity Center of Hope, which is an organization that provides necessities for the less fortunate. As an organ donor, even in passing he wanted to help others in any way he could.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, brother and two nephews. He is survived by his wife Sandy two sons Mike (wife Tara “Pinsky”) and Kevin. His two grandchildren, his Mother Marlene, Sister Debbi and Brother Danny (wife Sheri) and many nieces and nephews.

We love you, and will miss you sooooo, so much.

May your soul rest in peace.

Services will be held January 28, 2016 at St. Olaf's Catholic Church, Bountiful Utah.
Viewing 10:30-11:30, Rosary 11:30, Mass 12:00 noon. Reception to follow 1:00-2:30. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Ladies of Charity 2528 East 150 South. Layton, Utah 84040

Events

JAN **Viewing** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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St. Olaf Catholic Church (Bountiful)
276 East 1700 South, Bountiful, UT, US, 84010

JAN **Rosary** 11:30AM - 12:00PM

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JAN **Mass** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I wanted to wait until things calmed down for you. We are so sorry about your loss of Gary. He was always smiling and he was a wonderful friend. He looks so happy in his photos and we know his Family gave him a fabulous life. He is going to heaven gloriously happy and still smiling. May your Family have peace in their hearts . Love Diane Freestone- Rennemann



Diane - February 04, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ Gary was the best friend a guy could have. I've known Gary since we were 15 years old. We shared a lot of fond memories growing up, such as motorcycle racing, camping, hunting, and he was the best coffee partner. We hung out a lot at the Orchard BA. I really enjoyed all of Gary's family. Going over to Gary's house when we were younger, Mrs. Stark would always have a dinner place set for me and I would listen to Mr. Stark's words of wisdom. Later on, when Gary married Sandy, and I married Teri, we had a tight bond with our kids growing up.

I'm going to miss my long lunch discussions with him and us solving all of the world's problems. Such a loss to all of us.

-- Mike Davis

Mike Davis - January 28, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ Sandy, Mike and I are so much in shock over Gary's passing. We've always love the two of you and cherished our friendship. Please let us know whenever you need something we can assist you with.

-- Teri and Mike

Mike Davis - January 28, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ In 1990 several Amoco employees were given the task to improve Safety, Environmental Compliance & Profitability of one of the Salt Lake City Refineries Process Units. There were many areas the Unit needed improvement in. From 1990 to 1998 Don (Gary) was an integral part of completing this work. There were 2 Turnarounds & many 16 hour days and weekends spent at the Refinery. Don was a respected part of the team, both with his knowledge & work ethic. The Unit became Profitable and many Safety and Environmental problems did not occur due to the work of Don and the other employees involved.

I have known Don for over 30 years, he is an example to everyone on how to be a valuable worker and a person who does good in every aspect of his life.

Don has been one of my very best friends and co-workers, I will always miss him.

Dick Ward

Dick Ward - January 28, 2016 at 07:18 AM



“ Sandy and family, Our prayers and thoughts are with you. We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was such a kind and friendly mam with a warm smile for all.

Mary and Paul Hepworth

Mary Hepworth - January 27, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ Louise and I want to extend our sincere condolences to Sandy and family. After our years of service in the Bountiful Jaycees, our lives went in separate directions. We will fondly remember Gary as the quiet, steady hand. The one who mostly let his actions speak for himself. The world will always be short of men of his character. We will be out of town and unable to attend the services. Just know that your family will be in our thoughts and prayers for comfort and support.

Eric and Louise Long

Eric Long - January 27, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ Dear Sandy, & Gary's Family, We are in disbelief & saddled of his passing. It has been said over and over that Gary was a kind, caring, loving person and his was more. He will be missed by everyone that knew him because he was. God seems to take the good ones home. God will be with you Sandy and your family. Showers of prayers, love & thoughts go out to you Sandy, Marlene and his family. Our sincere condolences to Sandy, Marlene and Gary's Family. We send all our love & hugs; Dee, Sharon, DJ & Misty Nye & Criag & Cryatsl Downen. A donation was made to the Ladies of Chantry in Gary name. "May all your Hearts Heal"

Dee & Sharon Nye - January 27, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ I will miss you dad, I love you so much!



Kevin Stark - January 27, 2016 at 01:00 AM



“ I remember how kind and patient Gary was as I learned the ropes in Jaycees. Thank you for everything you were and the example you were to me. My son Michael Barlow spent many nights with you. He needed your patience and love as well, and you gave it. I was saddened to hear of your passing. My sincere condolences to Sandy and the rest of the family. Thank GOD for all of you!

Rachel McKean (Used to be Rachel Barlow)

Rachel A McKean - January 26, 2016 at 10:19 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Stark family at this time. I remember the Christmas Eves we spent at Gary and Sandy's. We were always welcomed with a smile and a big welcome! May your hearts heal and may your memories be many. Carol and Dan Thornhill

Carol Thornhill - January 26, 2016 at 08:27 PM



“ Dear God... our hearts are truly broken to learn of Gary's passing this morning. He was truly an incredible and loving man and a very dear friend to our family. Troy, myself, Brianna and Chrissy are heart broken! Gary was a man with a loving and giving spirit and his presence on this earth will be missed by all whose lives he touched. We are in shock! Our showers of prayers, love and thoughts go out to Sandy and the rest of their family. May the presence of the Holy Spirit dwell within and around you during this time and always. All our love, Troy, Annette, Brianna, and Chrissy Turner

Fly on angels wings Gary! <3

Annette L Turner - January 26, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Gary and his family. I have always known Gary to be one of the kindest, generous, and caring people I have known. God be with you and your family.
All my love

Norma Hansen

Norma Dean Hansen - January 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ For too many years to count, Gary (and Sandy) were my partners in crime at St. Olaf's Entertainment Night. The prize booth ran smoothly in part to his dedicated help and service. Thanks you Gary for all the years of help you gave me. You will be misses.

Cheryl Mitchell - January 26, 2016 at 07:09 AM



“ I won't forget for get you dad stark .. may you rest in peace



Jennifer weaver - January 26, 2016 at 03:54 AM



“ Such a good picture of him.

Nicole - January 26, 2016 at 09:21 PM



“ My thoughts are with you all, I am sorry for your loss.

Glissmeyer and Ludwig family



Nicole Ludwig - January 25, 2016 at 11:42 PM



“ Gary and I were the best of friends during school. We survived junior high and high school together and I have many good memories of the times we had. The motorcycle races were some of my fondest memories. Working at Honda of Bountiful, and chasing him down the slopes after he crashed and burned (and had to be taken off the mountain by ski patrol) because he refused to give up. He may have been walking down the slope, but he was determined (and never skied with me again!) I moved the throttle to the left side of his handlebars so we could still ride our motorcycles in the hills when he had a broken wrist. I don't know who was more stubborn! Gary helped me through my motorcycle wreck and came to the hospital every day! Marleen and Don always made me feel at home when we were kids so we could spend time together. We had many adventures together and all my fond memories of childhood had Gary and me together! Gary will be truly missed. My deepest condolences to family members and friends who love him.

Always,

Gary "Slick" Grazer

Gary Grazer - January 25, 2016 at 10:24 PM