



# Gary Bogaard

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Gary Bogaard, 62, of Marysville B.C. left this world fearlessly and courageously on Saturday March 23, 2019. Gary passed away peacefully in his beloved home with his daughter Amber and caring friend, Kelly by his side.

Gary was born in Vancouver B.C. on July 25, 1956 to Peter and Thea (Van Kesteren) Bogaard. Over the years Gary proved to be a very challenging, mischievous child that his mother couldn't help but love. Gary "Bogie" Bogaard graduated from North Delta Secondary School in 1974 alongside countless lifelong friends. During this time he dedicated himself to many activities including skiing, baseball, water-skiing, and camping. Gary met his former wife, Lori Kotush, in Kimberley B.C. in the summer of 1976. Gary and Lori married in 1980 and had 2 children together, Amber and Burke. In 1997 Gary traded in his "west coast" roots to feed his desire to live the "Rocky Mountain" lifestyle.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed boating, fishing, golfing, hunting, sledding and just having a good time. He was hard-working, constantly having some sort of project on the go. He enjoyed the company of his family and friends immensely and always had a beer for anyone that stopped in. Gary adored his home and you could often catch him watching football there, riding around on his John Deere, playing croquet or dancing to any one of his favorite records. Gary was a much respected Master Carpenter devoting much of his life to his profession. He set the standard high to many with his level of precision, accuracy and intelligence.

Gary is survived by his mother, Thea Bogaard, three sisters, Regina Brien, Loesje Deutch (Joe), Michelle Flemons (Wade), daughter, Amber Wetherill (Jordan), son, Burke Bogaard (Miranda), grandchildren, Kyleigh and Madison, numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, countless friends and his pride and joy, his horses, Chico and Loco.

Celebrating the life of Gary Bogaard

July 13, 2019 2:00 - 5:00

Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre

803 Cranbrook Street North, Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 3S2

Join us in celebrating the life of Gary and come together to honor his legacy. This event is open to friends, family, loved ones and anyone else that knew, or was impacted by Gary. During the memorial there will be an open microphone where everyone will have the opportunity to speak and share your favorite story or memory. Snacks and appetizers provided. There will also be a bar on site. For those of you travelling out of town, there are accommodations available at the Heritage, please quote the event for discounted rate. We look forward to seeing you in July.

Amber, Burke & Family

it's not the years in the life but the LIFE in the years.

# Events

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**JUL**   **Celebration Of Life**   02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Heritage Inn Hotel & Convention Centre in Cranbrook  
803 - Cranbrook Street North, Cranbrook, BC, CA

# Comments

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“ To Thea and all the Bogaard family. So sorry to hear about Gary, have many great memories of him as kids back on 114st. In Delta. R.I.P. Gary.

From all the Vangolen's.

john Vangolen - April 03 at 02:29 PM

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“ RIP Gary, I am sure you are dancing up a storm with a big smile on your face. You will be missed by many. Deepest condolences to family and friends.

Sherry Spence - April 01 at 09:48 PM

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“ Gary had a happy spirit with a good sense of humor. We had some good times back in our glory days. Thanks for those memories. My deepest condolences to family and friends. Love Leslie Manning (Williams).

Leslie Williams-Manning - March 30 at 10:31 PM

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“ May friends and family find comfort in the memories of Gary. Many laughs and adventures we shared and thanks Gary for making life so much fun.  
Love Roberta



Roberta Bradshaw - March 29 at 10:07 AM

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“ Gone to soon! The best carpenter, mentor and all around Legend! That what Gary was to me.  
I wonder how many other carps he inspired? Unmatched talent for running construction crews and a really fun weekend warrior that I was proud to call a friend. Raised a couple awesome kids too.  
Our deepest condolences to the family.  
Till we meet again Buds

won't forget ya

**rick mace** - March 28 at 06:46 PM

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“ So Sorry to here of Gary's passing. He was a helluva dancer that I know, he taught me how to jive which was no easy task. We spent many a weekend in his backyard in Delta partying till the sun came up. Can't forget to Sidetrack pub and boating with Bogie. My condolences to his family and everyone of his friends

**Shelley Campbell** - March 28 at 10:50 AM

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“ Sending condolences to Gary's family,we are so sorry for your loss.RIP Gary,gone way too young. Love Rick & Kathy Winchester



**Kathy Winchester** - March 28 at 10:19 AM

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“ So sad to hear Gary's passing! Last I saw you I was cruising down Cultus Lake in the afternoon about 1992 and low and behold saw you sitting in your boat 'Bogie' which was impossible to miss with the name on the back. I towed you back to your campsite at Entrance Bay as you had an electrical problem. Later I went to your site in my boat and we had a great reunion around the fire until about midnight about the good times we all had at parties and down at Lake Goodwin which I have pics of. Later Regina and Lori showed up too. It was so good to see you all after so many years. RIP Gary. You will be missed by so many.

**Craig Ellison Cultus Lake BC** - March 28 at 06:14 AM

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“ I remember Gary most when we cut up the dance floor at the crab fests across the line. Man! Could he dance! We all had so much fun. I was just thinking of him the other day. My deepest condolences



**Donna Flint** - March 28 at 02:12 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Sending my deepest of condolences to all the family.  
From Judy Wetherill



**Judy Wetherill** - March 28 at 12:52 AM

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“ Debbie lit a candle in memory of Gary Bogaard



**debbie** - March 27 at 04:13 PM



“ Thinking of you all. Sending love and hugs.

**debbie powell** - March 27 at 04:13 PM

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“ Amber and family: you are in our thoughts, so sorry for your loss.  
Cheryl & Bruce

**Bruce** - March 27 at 12:37 PM