



Gary James Van Ostran

July 16, 1948 - May 30, 2019

Gary James Van Ostran passed away on 5/30/2019 after a (began June 2014) 5 year battle with lung cancer. He was 70. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the staff at Baptist Hospital Cancer Center for their efforts to cure his cancer. Van is survived by his wife Valerie of 35 years, his three wonderful sons; Garrett, Cavan, and Colin, his daughter Joanna Murphy and his four beautiful grandchildren. Van was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he served in the U.S Air Force as an Aircraft Maintenance instructor and as a flight engineer on C-47's and C-54's. Van enjoyed a 43-year career at FPL where he was a lineman, troubleman, supervisor and manager, retiring in 2010. Van enjoyed his ten-year experience with his sons in St. John Neuman's Cub Scouts Pack 615. He enjoyed cooking for his loved ones, tending his herb garden and caring for his home. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to The American Cancer Foundation.

Cemetery

Flagler Memorial Park
5301 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL,

Events

JUN 3 Visitation 06:00PM - 09:00PM

3
Van Orsdel Kendall Chapel
11220 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, FL, US, 33176

JUN 4 Funeral Mass 10:30AM

4
St. John Neumann Catholic Church
12125 S.W. 107th Avenue, Miami, FI, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels - June 03 at 05:23 PM



“ Beautiful tribute.....

Laura and Gary Alexandre - June 03 at 08:25 PM



“ Van;
Thanks for all you've done. A good friend, good mentor, a good man.
Peaceful Rest.
To Vans family, I'm truly sorry for your loss.

Paul Shafer - June 04 at 09:12 PM



“ Van, I am going to miss what you brought to every occasion. Your honesty and straight down the line approach was infectious and can never be replaced. I am going to miss our chats as we were alike. I am so happy that I got to know you. You have left a big space in our lives but we can reflect on so many happy times. I hope that you are at peace. Always remembered.



Ray Murphy - June 04 at 06:11 PM



“ He was my moms baby brother.
I was born on his 15th birthday. We have shared birthdays ever since. You have been rejoined with Mom, Pat Bonnie and Grandma and Grandpa. Rest in peace Gary I will miss you deeply and your infectious laugh. I love you

margaret warner - June 04 at 02:23 PM



“ Van will always be remembered as the sort of person you rarely meet in life, and for a personality that filled a room. He never hesitated to share his time and talents with others—through hurricanes, helping friends and family in need, or catering to a seemingly endless list of dinner guests. The impact of his life spans three generations. We're lucky to have been a part of his extended family, and to have shared many memorable and formative years with such an unforgettable man.

Patrick Weathers & Marie Neary-Weathers

Patrick Weathers & Marie Neary-Weathers - June 03 at 11:31 PM



“ Lynch Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary James Van Ostran.



Lynch Family - June 03 at 03:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary James Van Ostran.



June 03 at 01:59 PM



“ The Sueiras family give thanks to our Lord and Van's family for sharing him with us during his life. We will never forget the wonderful memories with Van as a Scout Leader and all his efforts to make sure the young men had a wonderful experience. I will be eternally grateful for all Van did.

Our condolences to the entire family.

Thank you, friend

Albert Sueiras - June 03 at 01:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary James Van Ostran.



June 02 at 05:02 PM



“ When I think of you I think of all the happy times I've spent with you growing up . Thank you for all of the unforgettable summers I've spent in your home .I am so blessed to have had you in my life and all the wonderful memories we've had together will stay with me forever, I couldn't have asked for a more loving granddad. I will love and miss you always xx



Sadhbh Murphy - June 02 at 03:25 PM



“ The Ray family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary James Van Ostran.



The Ray family - June 02 at 12:31 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gary James Van Ostran.



June 02 at 12:28 AM



“ My grandad! Your honesty and wit never ceased to amaze me, (along with your pecan pie). I feel so blessed to have had the privilege of you being in my life. You epitomized kindness, generosity and never beating around the bush! I aspire to emulate a fraction of your self assurance in my own life. Whenever we were all together, albeit infrequent, the love and pride you omitted will live in my heart indefinitely. I hope that you are at peace now. You are a true friend, I love you.



roisin murphy - June 01 at 10:25 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary James Van Ostran.



June 01 at 09:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary James Van Ostran.



June 01 at 08:37 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to work with Van often throughout my time at FPL. From Southwest Yard in the early 80's to Northeast SC and many places in between. One word comes to mind when I think of Van, Integrity. My team and I were often singled out as the cause of problems and delays with job materials and Van was never shy about letting me know when we messed up, but, he was ALWAYS the first to step up and let everyone know when it wasn't our fault. Throughout my later career he was always one I could talk to about issues and I knew he would always tell me the truth. When I saw his number pop up I never hesitated to answer, and he was the same with me. My deepest condolences to Val and the entire family and I hope you all will find peace in knowing what a good man Van was to a great number of people he worked with. Godspeed friend.

Keith White. - June 01 at 06:22 PM



“ Oh my beautiful amazing surrogate Dad since the moment I met you you took my breath away spinning us all on the roundabout across the road from south parade we were flying & hanging on for dear life ! The banter you & Dad had was off the scale , the love you two had was the best ! You two hitting the bars together & the steak offs you two had ! You treated me like your daughter & I'm so honoured to have had you in my life , you really were THE BEST surrogate Dad in the whole wide world. Thank you for being you . Love you always & forever Xxx

Rachel Travers - June 01 at 06:12 PM



“ Thank you for welcoming me into your family with open arms from day one. Thank you for making me dinners I requested even though you didn't necessarily like them yourself (especially one delicious malanga soup I will never forget). Thank you for all the things you've taught me in the short 8 years I knew you but most of all thank you for raising your son to be as amazing as you were. Love Always, The Divine Miss Di.



Diana - June 01 at 01:17 PM



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roisin murphy - June 02 at 01:43 PM



“ Van, Thank you for all you taught me on those many After work sessions. Thank you as well for the nickname 'Data' - it has served me well through my career.

You were a great Leader, mentor, and friend. I'll forever remember my lessons on construction, operations and life in general at the 7-11 over a beer. Rest In Peace my friend - I'll be sure to stop at Arbetter's and celebrate your memory.

'Till we meet again

Rob (Data) Adams

Rob Adams - May 31 at 10:33 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I worked with Gary throughout many years at different locations. Hope the family finds peace and comfort since he is no longer suffering. RIP Gary.

Maria Ely Retired from Richmond Service Center

Maria E Ely - May 31 at 07:40 PM



“ VanOstran Family,
I'm so at a loss, Van taught me so many things through the years. He was tough but fair, his tough exterior could be easily broken if he liked you. Rest In Peace Van. We will all carry our Van-ism's forever!

Sue Fredericks - June 03 at 09:43 AM



“ Our sincere condolences Valerie, Garrett, Cavan, Colin and family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time. Stories of Joanna and Rays family visits to you all always featured Van in a starring role... master of cuisine and adventure xxxx

Love from Anne, Jennifer and all the Murphy Family Ireland

Jennifer Fitzsimons - June 05 at 07:12 AM