



Gary Ray Armentrout

May 25, 1946 - October 28, 2024

Gary Ray Armentrout, 78, on Monday, October 28, 2024 of Owasso, OK passed away peacefully at home with his daughter Kristy & sister Carole at his side from complications caused by cancerous brain tumors.

He was born May 25, 1946 to Carl & Edna Armentrout in Norborne, Mo. After graduating Norborne High School in 1964 he attended the University of Missouri in Columbia receiving his BS degree in Sociology in 1969 along with his 2nd lieutenant bar. During his junior year in college he married Julie Ingram living happily for 57 years until her passing in June of 2024. Upon his college graduation he immediately entered into the Air Force & his flying career where he remained for 25 years until his retirement attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After Gary completed his pilot's training, he was deployed to Vietnam where he flew the OV-10 as a fighter pilot. When he returned he became a Weapons & Tactics Officer, Ordinance Test Coordinator and the Weapons Effects & Targeting course instructor for the A-1, T-28, OV-10, & O-2 pilots. After active duty he joined the Colorado Air National Guard continuing with the same responsibilities along with being a test pilot for the A-7 Simulator fleet modifications. Following Gary's Air Force career he became a Continental (now United) Airlines Captain until 1992 when he officially retired from flying. When at home he thoroughly enjoyed buying, selling, & trading his many corvettes as well as being a member of the Corvette Club of Denver. Through this club he and Julie enjoyed a variety of events, including parades, rallies,

autocrosses, bracket drags, car shows and socials.

He is survived by his daughter Kristy Sanchez of the home, his sister Carole Vahsholtz, O'Fallon, MO, Grand children Reece & Chase Leikam, Ivan (Savanna) Brown , Denver, CO, Brayden, Sammy, & Champ Armentrout, Owasso, OK, sister-in-law Becky Swan, Champaign, IL. Nieces and nephews include Nathan (Tara) Taylor, Ryan (Julie) Taylor, Julie (Tim) Yeoward, John and Matthew Ackman, Michael (Jeannie) Ingram, Rory (Veronica) Ingram and Cameron Ingram and many great nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Bo and wife Julie.

A memorial service will be held at the Mowery Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 5th at 11:00 am, full military honors.

Gary will have a head stone placed at Fort Logan, Denver, CO with military honors November 22, 2024 at 3:00pm..

Memorial contributions can be given to Wounded Warrior Project or Good Shepherd Hospice in the memory of Gary Armentrout.

Previous Events

LIVE STREAM SERVICE

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Live Stream
<https://vimeo.com/moweryfs>

Memorial Fund

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Hospice
4343 south 118th East Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74146
<http://www.goodshepherdhospice.com>

Memorial Fund

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wounded Warrior Project
P.O. Box 758516
Topeka, KS 66675-516

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel
9110 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall



“ Gary, I find it hard to narrow down which memory to share, or to find words that can express how much you mean to me. I've told Sami all about you, Julie, and Bo - so much that she feels like she knows you all! I'll keep an eye on Kristy for ya and if she gets out of line I will make her do an underwater basketweaving class. “Bill it to the room!” Thanks for the memories and thanks for being so good to me (and to my brother Mark when you took time to let him interview you for his elementary school project). You will always be a hero to me.

Love, Amis

Amy Lyda - November 05, 2024 at 01:10 PM



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Mowery Funeral Service - November 05, 2024 at 12:57 PM

DB

“ I worked with Gary at the Colorado Air National Guard A7D flight simulator. He was a dedicated fighter pilot, and I enjoyed working with him. Rest in peace.

Dennis Louie Brown - November 04, 2024 at 12:05 PM

JW

“ Jeannette Windschitl purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Gary Ray Armentrout.



Jeannette Windschitl - November 01, 2024 at 07:42 PM

LK

“ Love Always, Kristy purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Gary Ray Armentrout.



Love Always, Kristy - November 01, 2024 at 06:53 PM

LK

“ Love Always, Kristy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Ray Armentrout.

Love Always, Kristy - November 01, 2024 at 06:53 PM

CP

“ Thank you for your service, Colonel.

Chris Pollard - November 01, 2024 at 06:02 PM

RS

“ For many years, my relationship with Gary was not the greatest. We both loved my sister so much. In the last 3 years we had buried the hatchet and we both agreed that loving each other was easier and so much better. I will forever be grateful for Gary's love for my Sis and their entire family. Fly high my Brother and I will see you all someday. Love Becky aka "bitter but"

rebecca swan - November 01, 2024 at 03:08 PM