



## Gary Raymond Rue

January 11, 1950 - June 10, 2016

Lifelong Siskiyou County resident Gary Raymond Rue passed away June 10, 2016 at Madrone Hospice in Yreka. He was 66 years old.

Gary was born on January 11, 1950 in Yreka to Elmer and Nelda Rue. He was a logger and mechanic for many years. He enjoyed fixing cars for his wife, Judy, to destroy at the Demolition Derby during the fair. He was a member of the Hornbrook Grange and was the Fire Chief for the Hornbrook Fire Department for 15 years. He was an avid hunter, and he loved his dogs.

Gary is survived by his wife of nearly 44 years, Judy; two children, Joe Rue of Hornbrook and Gary Rue Jr. of Salem, Oregon; three sisters, Nadine Woods of Oklahoma, Linda Thoreson of Mt. Shasta and Rose Harris of Yreka; a grandson, Brian Rue, who was like a son to Gary, along with other grandchildren and great grandchildren. Gary was preceded in death by a son, Mike Rue.

No services are scheduled. Memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097. .

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Oh, my sincerest sympathies go out to you, Judy, and family! Gary was such a great guy and we were honored to know him. I remember what a supporter he was for our fire dept. and got us started with turnouts and all kinds of fire equipment that we could have never purchased at our beginnings! We were truly blessed by your dept's generosity!!! Gary is probably up there with Rich right now having a blast!!! God bless all of your family and may he give you the strenth and peace during this time! Love, Joanne Hood

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Joanne Hood - July 25, 2016 at 10:24 PM

TR

“ I have so many memories with Uncle Gary, it is almost impossible to settle on just one. Many wonderful childhood memories. Uncle Gary loved to tickle, and since I was so incredibly ticklish, I was his main target. He would tickle me until I was out of breath, then hug me so I wouldn't be mad at him. Many softball games at the grandparents, where my uncle would pick us girls up and run the bases if we wanted a little help. As I got older and would visit, he always had a smile, always had a story, always had a bright, positive outlook on whatever problem or little issue I might be having in my life, (and he always wanted to know how I was doing). My visits got farther apart as life took me away, but Uncle Gary was never far from my mind and my heart. I will miss him terribly and my heart and love goes out to my Aunt Judy, my cousins, Joe and JR, my mom Linda, and my aunts, Rose and Dean (his three sisters), as well as the many other family and friends that are feeling this deep loss. I love you Uncle.



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Terri Rodriguez - June 16, 2016 at 06:15 PM

Joe  
Rue

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**Joe Rue** - June 15, 2016 at 01:26 PM

RH

*Gary was a true friend and mentor. I had the pleasure of working side by side with the Rue family when Gary was chief of Rescue 15 while I worked at the Hornbrook CDF station for 8+yrs. He helped my dad with all the startup free equipment to put the KRFD started up. Gary & Judy were like parents to me. RIP Gary, thank you for everything you taught me! I lost my dad a year ago this month. You guys are probably talking together in heaven as we speak. I will miss you deeply! My prayers go out to the Rue family. I love you guys!!*

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**Rob Hood** - July 25, 2016 at 09:40 PM

Joe  
Rue

“ Lifelong Siskiyou County resident Klamath River / Hornbrook Fire Fighter, Fire Chief 100 , Logger, mechanic, welder, car painter

*When Dad was a boy on The Klamath River, there was one of the last OLD Indians lived with his grand folks Clarence and Orva Gosney . His name was in English , Sergeant Sambo., his Shasta Indian name was Ikiahombik.... Dads Shasta name is Iptacoheatah (Bringer of white powdered Snow... He spent many summers at Deadwood fire look out.*

*Around 1981 the Hornbrook Fire department was in decay so he bailed in and the family all took EMT classes. Within 3 years Rescue 15 was the most high speed low drag Rescue unit in the county, all volunteer. He was the Fire chief for about 15 years until it just became too much. We rolled on around five thousand medical and fire calls over the years....*

*He also worked maintenance at the R-Ranch (Local Dude Ranch) . He was handy with a wrench and enjoyed mechanicing ... His sons Mike and Gary Jr also done a lot of wrenching. Joe spent most of his time in the service and logging.*

*He was very proud of all three of his sons. Who were all active in the Boy Scouts and Joe went into the Order of The Arrow. Then spent many years in the Army Paratroopers and Guard units. He also deployed twice after 9-11 and was severely wounded north of Baghdad Iraq. Even home disabled from the war he left to support the Bundy family in Nevada. Mike served in the Marine Corps and and started a very successful business and done very well for himself. We lost Mike in 2004 to Brain cancer. Jr also spent many years in the woods and fell a lot of timber with Joe. He eventually started working for John Deer Tractor in Salem Oregon where he spent 12 years. Jr. Came down with pancreatic cancer two years ago and is still fighting it hard!*

*.After Mike Passed on Gary and Judy raised his son Brian the last six years ... Joe took him around and showed him the ropes and options. Brian served several years and did a combat tour with the 173rd Airborne. Gary was also very proud of Brian!*

*He raised us right and taught us Respect and manners.... Do what is right even if you stand alone and speak the truth even if your voice shakes....*

*He was happiest running Rescue 15, Working with his family in the woods and watching mom kick butt in destruction derbies!*

*R.I.P. Dad, Joe*

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**Joe Rue** - June 15, 2016 at 01:04 PM

PW

*R.I.P Gary I will miss u dearly...*

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**Pauline Wright** - June 16, 2016 at 12:24 AM

PA

“ For The Rue Family,

*I had the joy and pleasure of teaching Gary and Judy's three boys - Joe, Mike and Gary Jr. at Hornbrook Elementary School. Both Gary and Judy were very supportive parents as well as being actively involved in their boys' education and school activities. I could always count on Gary to talk to his boys whenever I had a problem in class and, I'll tell you what, those boys listened and were always so much better behaved afterwards. Honestly, though, all three of the boys were never much of a problem. They were really good kids who were raised by some very loving and caring parents.*

*I don't have any specific memory of Gary but will never forget how much he loved his wife and his boys. This love carried into the Hornbrook community where he took an active role as Fire Chief for the Hornbrook Voluntary Fire Department for many years.*

*Gary was a very fine man, father and husband. I will always cherish the memories of Gary and Judy as parents in my classroom and the love and support they showed their boys.*

*I will sincerely miss Gary. Please know that I am giving Judy, Joe and Gary Jr. lots of hugs and prayers for God's comfort through this most difficult time.*

*Pamela O'Neill (and Joe would remember me as Pamela Fischer)  
Teacher at Hornbrook Elementary School*

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**Pamela** - June 15, 2016 at 12:39 PM

 Joe  
Rue

*Thank you Mrs. O'Neil. We appreciate the kind words...*

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**Joe Rue** - June 15, 2016 at 03:23 PM

MW

“ when we were kidds . every easter all the family would get together at the grand patents home in hornbrook . now so much to hunt easter eags but to have a family baseball game. the grown ups agenst the kidds . us kidds was always up to bat first . and we would play all most all day long . till dinner time any way.. one time when i was 9 years of age . i sprang my ankle on second base.. uncle Gary was playing first base and he ran over to me . picked me up an carried around third base then to home base. . after he crossed home plate he set me down on the ground and said . I just could not see you stuck on second base when you hit a home run. . that has always stuck with me in my mined all these years .. he still is a awesome man to me.. love and miss you deeply.. mark woods .

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**mark woods** - June 13, 2016 at 08:29 PM

 Joe  
Rue

*About 41 years ago Mark.... Enjoyed the memory. We played some ball and had a lot a fun....*

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**Joe Rue** - June 15, 2016 at 01:21 PM