



Gary Donald Suomela, Sr.

April 5, 1953 - March 16, 2023

Gary Donald Suomela Sr., at age 69, of Edina, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday (March 16, 2023). To honor Gary's (better known as Pony) memory, we are holding a celebration of life on Friday, April 21st, 2023, at 11:00 AM with visitation at 10:00 AM at Washburn-McReavy in Edina, MN. All who knew him are invited to attend and honor his wonderful life. Gary graduated from Edina High School in 1971 and was a member of the golf team. He attended Arizona State University and finished his Bachelor of Business from University of Minnesota in 1976. Gary built Hubert's Bar across from the metro dome which paved the way the future for downtown Minneapolis. He was preceded in death by Tauno "Don" Suomela (father) and Elsa Suomela (mother née Dwyer), and leaves behind brother (Les Suomela), sons (Jonathan (Chelsea) Quinn, Matthew Suomela, Anthony Suomela, & Gary (Amanda) Suomela Jr, grandchildren Alexander Suomela (6), Adelaide Suomela (3), Jonathan Quinn Jr (5) & Devin Quinn (2) & multiple other family members and friends. Please join the family at Bunny's Bar and Grill after the service for good conversations.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ So sorry to miss the news of Gary "Pony" Soumela's passing. He always had a smile and some smart alecky comments whenever I ran into him. RIP, LInc

LInc Davis - April 30, 2023 at 09:53 AM

DB

“ To Gary and his Family - This past summer I met Gary for the first time. It was one of those chance meetings at the Braemar chipping green.. A slow evening for Gary and a chance for he and I to strike up a chat and discuss the game he so much loved to be a part of. Over the summer months I would run into him at that the same practice green. I looked forward to seeing him and learning a bit more about him in each crossing. He shared stories of his time at ASU and later as a golf coach. We talked about our kids and I learned a bit more about him each time.

They say first impressions are everything. I could tell he was a guy with a heart of gold, the real-deal and was proud of his family. Though I had limited time getting to know Gary over last summer, I look back and can say it was quality time spent with a quality guy.

Prayers and Love to the Suomela Family. Gary, I am glad that I met you and I am thankful for the time you shared. May your soul rest in peace.

dave bacic - April 03, 2023 at 06:46 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to the Suomela family. Although I had been out of touch with Gary I have so many fond memories. Some of the ‘Gary quotes’ I remember still make me laugh out loud. We had such fun in our younger days! Rest in peace Pony! Molly Brown*

Molly brown - March 22, 2023 at 10:39 AM