



Gary Wilbert Doden

October 11, 1945 - April 6, 2011

GARY W. DODEN Oct. 11, 1945 ~ April 6, 2011 Gary W. Doden was born to Imogene Moats Doden and Wilbert G. Doden in Monticello, IA on Oct. 11, 1945. He graduated from Anamosa High School. He married Lila I. Cox from Vinton, IA in 1964. Gary and lila moved to Vancouver, WA in 1966. There, they bought a home, where they raised a family and resided for 15 years. Gary was blessed with an abundance of ambition, which was apparent in the many things he accomplished throughout his life. Gary's passion from early-on in his life became cars. He drove, restored, and loved many. He could always be found in the garage or digging through the junk yard. Hot Rod runs were a favorite of Gary's. Gary was afflicted with Juvenile Diabetes when he was 16. It had become increasingly difficult to manage the disease, which was overcoming his ability to live independently. His last years he lived at Cascade Inn in Vancouver, WA, where he loved the staff and touched several lives with his smile, friendliness, polite manner, and compassion for antique cars. Some likened Gary's mannerisms, personality and character to 'Eeyore', and adorned him with the nickname. Gary passed on April 6, 2011. He is survived by his mother, Imogene Doden; and siblings, Patricia Taylor, David Doden and Nancy Lockett; his children, Wendy Stoneking and G. Michael Doden; grandchildren, Ben Stoneking, Jake Stoneking, Hannah Doden, Connor Doden and Grace Doden. Forever in our hearts, Dad. Memorial Service will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA on Tuesday, April 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts are with you all. I grew up in the house next to the Doden's on 1st Street and I must say that Mr. Doden had the "coolest" cars of anyone I knew! May you find peace in remembering the special times your family shared together. -Your old friend...-Teresa*

Teresa Bork Radcliffe - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear. Think of the good times. I still remember riding through the Park in Anamosa when he and lila were dating. So many memories. After all he was part of the family for so many years. But he is now with the lord and no more pain and misery. Bet all the Uncles from Iowa were there waiting for him. And now they are all together. God blessd you all. Remember the good times. Love Donna*

Donna Custis - April 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM