



## Gary Leon Day

May 3, 1939 - January 1, 2022

Gary was born in Detroit Michigan to Lawrence Day and Pauline (Engelhard) Day. Being the eldest of 10 children, family was very important to him.

He was married to and is survived by his “wonderful wife” (as he called her) Jean (Slavin) Day for 61 years. It was a special year in 2021 as Gary and Jean welcomed their 8th grandchild and their 1st great-grandchild.

Gary is survived by his 3 children. Catherine (Paul) Anderson, Laura (Danny) Henry and Robert (Julie) Day, 8 grandchildren, Allen, Beth, Ryan, Nicole, Emily, Blake, Audrey and Anders. and one great-granddaughter Violet. He is survived by siblings Lauryne Haynes, Elizabeth Nurenberg, Donna (Terry) Lilley, Karen (Milton) Haines, Rosemary (Jay) Cliff, Joseph (Tina) Day, Marion (Dave) Sioma and Greg (Carol) Day. He was preceded in death by his grandson Ross and brother Lawrence.

Gary graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in mathematics. He had a lifelong love of math, adding, subtracting and multiplying columns of numbers in his head to everyone’s amazement. He was also a great chess player, keeping a very high rank on his online competition for years.

Golfing was his passion and he spent many years golfing at Sunset Whitney Country Club in Rocklin. His goal was to qualify for the senior open, and he came very close a few times. Once he stated to a friend who had just purchased the fanciest most expensive clubs, "I do not need a new set of clubs to beat you I can do it with my putter". He proceeded to play an entire round of golf with his putter against this friend and of course he won.

Gary was an avid runner. He ran daily throughout his life and competed regularly in the San Francisco Bay to Breakers.

Gary worked for the State of California for 38 years as a data analyst. After retirement he began volunteering for the Rocklin Historical Society and soon became an author of historical articles for local papers and publications.

# Cemetery Details

## Rocklin Cemetery

4090 Kannasto Street  
Rocklin, CA 95677

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the entire Day family. Gary was a kind, compassionate and talented man. We met in 2014 and became charter members of our Writers Support Group. For the last few years Gary generously opened his home and home-theater for our meetings. His critiques were always kind and helpful: "Try to punch-up those characters in your book, they're kinda flat.." We became friends and found we had both been runners, both ran in the Bay-to-Breakers. And we each narrowly missed heart attacks in late middle age. I liked Chess, hadn't played for decades, but we talked about it. We'd go to lunch at the club after meetings and argue about who's turn it was to pay.

*He helped my confidence as a writer a great deal. Thanks, Gary. I'll miss you.*

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**George Prime** - January 30, 2022 at 02:51 PM

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“ I didn't get the privilege of knowing Gary for many years. I met him when I became a part of our writers group. What a kind, wonderful human being. I will miss him very much. Yvonne

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**Yvonne Wilson** - January 24, 2022 at 09:37 AM



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Cathy Anderson - January 12, 2022 at 10:34 PM



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Cathy Anderson - January 12, 2022 at 12:35 AM

JN

Gary and I worked together to help organize and set up the Run Rocklin events with Kate Hay and later Larry Osborne for many years. I appreciate his service to the community and his desire to make things happen. He will be missed!

Justin Nartker - January 12, 2022 at 10:39 PM

CK

“ Christopher K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gary Leon Day.



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**Christopher K.** - January 11, 2022 at 04:46 PM

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“ You were a good one May the legacy you left be a memory of you forever. You had a heart of gold and quick to apologize God loved you more and be our guardian angel.

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**Winnie Ojwang** - January 11, 2022 at 03:52 PM