



Gary B. Plantenberg

May 14, 1943 - March 7, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, MN for Gary B. Plantenberg age 77, who died Sunday, March 7, 2021 in Arizona. Entombment will be in the parish cemetery. Those attending the services must maintain social distancing and wear a mask. The mass will be live-streamed on the church's website at www.christcatholic.com.

The visitation will be from 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. Saturday morning in the church gathering space.

Gary was born on May 14, 1943 in Richmond, MN to Leverne and Marie Plantenberg. He was a 4-sport athlete at St. Boniface High School in Cold Spring and graduated from St. John's University in Minnesota. He married Irene Kalthoff on May 4, 1966 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic church in Richmond, MN. He moved to the Seattle area with Irene in the mid 60's to begin his career, while also serving in the Army Reserves after college. He worked in the aerospace industry for many years in the Seattle area, as well as other high-tech companies.

Because of his love of sports, he was the inaugural season president of the Seattle Seahawks Booster Club and 25-year season ticket holder. The family never missed a home game until his kids went away to college. He coached

his kids in baseball, and later traveled as much as he could to watch his sons play high school, college, and professional sports. He and Irene moved to Phoenix, AZ from Seattle in 2000 and he eventually retired in 2007. He enjoyed attending spring training baseball games, spending time in the backyard pool, and traveling with Irene both domestically and overseas. His love of country music developed into a successful karaoke singing career, where he was known as "The Growler" throughout the Phoenix valley. He could frequently be seen around the area in his black cowboy hat performing in front of friends and soon to be friends. He enjoyed telling a good joke, enjoying a drink and a meal with friends and family, and watching his grandchildren grow up.

He is survived by his wife Irene: children Scott (Monira) and Erik (Jennifer): siblings Mark (Diane) Plantenberg, Pat (Mary) Plantenberg, Kris Plantenberg, Lois (Allyn) Plantenberg, Dave (Laura) Vogt, Donna (Keith) Johnson, Janet (Dave) Herven, Mary (Jim) Schramel, Terri (Larry) Moe: grandchildren Reese, Jayce, Brock, and Ashley.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Cemetery

Richmond, MN 56368

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Gathering Space
110 Central Ave.
Richmond, MN 56368

Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
56 1st St. NE
Richmond, MN 56368

Tribute Wall



“ *Gary B. Plantenberg*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sally Gasparich lit a candle in memory of Gary B. Plantenberg*



Sally Gasparich - March 12, 2021 at 07:48 PM



Irene, John and I were very sorry to hear about Gary's death. Beaver and butt head memory will live on. I will talk to you soon. Take care of yourself.

Sally Gasparich - March 12, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.*



March 12, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.



March 11, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Dianne and Bill Kinzig purchased the Cherished Memories - All White* for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.



Dianne and Bill Kinzig - March 11, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Izabela Kozlowski lit a candle in memory of Gary B. Plantenberg*



Izabela Kozlowski - March 11, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Love Izabela & Jose with Family purchased the White Sympathy Baskets* for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.



Love Izabela & Jose with Family - March 11, 2021 at 01:26 PM

DC

“ Dear Irene, Scott, Erik and families,

Bill and I were saddened by Gary passing. Because of COVID we had not been able have our Christmas party. We always saw you there. He was so much fun.

Gary made us smile. So many memories. One in particular, my brother and Linda were in Anthem. We watched Gary sing karaoke and my brother loved the music. We had one of Gary's CDs and played it in our car. My brother thought it was Gary on the radio. Gary had a great laugh.

Wishing you strength and comfort through this difficult time, Please accept our warmest condolences.

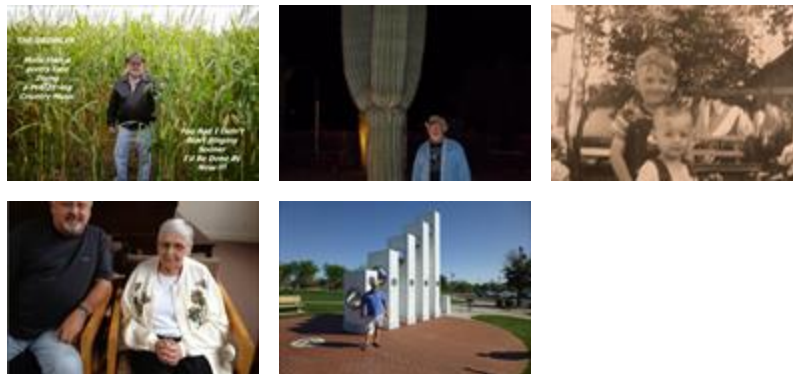
With Sympathy,

Bill and Dianne Kinzig

Dianne Christenson - March 11, 2021 at 01:19 PM

MP

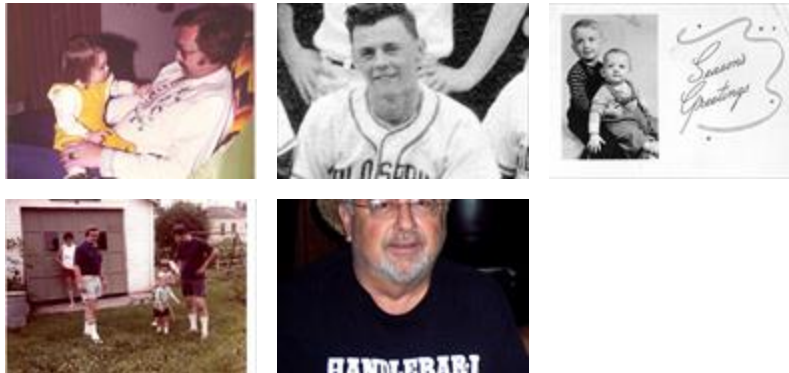
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Mark Plantenberg - March 11, 2021 at 12:38 PM

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Mark R Plantenberg - March 11, 2021 at 10:57 AM

JP

“ Dear Irene, Erik, Scott and Family,
Gary was family to us, and we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Times spent together, although not often enough, were always filled with laughter and fun. We were always welcomed like family, and he will be missed. Sending you all our love and prayers, and hoping that time will heal and your memories will bring you peace. XOXO
The Popolizios

Jill & Gino Popolizio - March 10, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.



March 10, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.*



March 10, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.*



March 10, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary B. Plantenberg.*



March 09, 2021 at 09:36 PM