



George Stanley Varra

October 20, 1947 - July 12, 2015

A loving soul, George Stanley Varra privately waged a valiant battle against cancer for the last three years. Sunday morning, July 12, 2015, he was welcomed home into the embrace of his heavenly Father. Born at Poudre Valley Hospital to George and Mary Varra on October 20, 1947, George was a native of Fort Collins. He was in the first graduating class of Poudre High School in 1965 and later graduated from CSU with a degree in general agriculture.

George married his college sweetheart, Liz Franco, in 1975. Their two children, Travis and Suzi, were special blessings in his life. He farmed north of Fort Collins on the family dairy until 1988 and went on to become the Poudre River Commissioner for the State of Colorado.

George was actively involved in his children's sports, coaching soccer for years. He was a compassionate competitor, praising good effort and motivating his young athletes. He also spent years as a basketball referee for the city.

George pursued his interests passionately—golf, playing guitar, learning French, travelling—and he wanted his kids, nieces, nephews, sisters and wife to share his enthusiasm and join him. His sense of humor was endearing along with his playful nature. Bridge was a favorite hobby and he became a Silver Life Master in May of this year. Wearing jeans and a plaid shirt, George

was often seen in Old Town enjoying coffee with his newspaper and his friends.

George is survived by his wife, Liz; son, Travis; daughter, Suzi Ratliff (James); and grandson, Jonathan; his three sisters, Diane Engel (Loren), Carolyn Jackson, Mary Bonner (James); as well as numerous nieces and nephews. George's passing leaves a hole in our family we will never fill. His memory is forever etched in our hearts.

A celebration of George's life will be on Saturday, July 18 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Windsor at noon, reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 12:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
1250 7th Street Windsor, CO US
Windsor, CO

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Diane, I'm so sorry for the sad news. I think of you and hope the memories of your brother bring you some happiness*
Jodie Cannon ”

Jodie Cannon - July 19, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Stanley Varra.* ”



July 17, 2015 at 10:23 PM

JF

“ *John, Sally and Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of George Stanley Varra.* ”



John, Sally and Family - July 17, 2015 at 05:24 PM

AL

“ *Liz, I am so sorry to hear of George's passing; my sympathy goes out to you & your family. Although I only met him a few times he was a very kind man & I know all of you will miss him terribly. I will keep you all in my prayers.*
Sincerely, Alberta Lee ”

Alberta Lee - July 17, 2015 at 11:49 AM

DB

“ George was a kind and caring man and could always be trusted to share an honest and truthful answer to any questions in his years as river commissioner. His family has been a force in Larimer county for many years and will continue to be through his remaining family members. Good people.
Dick Brauch and the Brauch family.

Dick Brauch - July 16, 2015 at 10:08 AM

SW

“ George leaves a big footprint in many lives and thinking of him always brings a smile. We had the privilege of getting to know George and his family through soccer and our daughters. As a soccer coach and a parent, he taught fairness, commitment and fun by example as well actively coaching. His passion for sports and doing the right thing built character in our kids that will serve them well their entire lives, and we will surely miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz and the Varra family.

Sue and Rick Wagner

Sue Wagner - July 15, 2015 at 04:54 PM

TF

“ I worked with George for many years in his capacity as the River Commissioner. He was always fair, easy going and a pleasure to work with...really a great guy! I am sorry to hear of his passing and am sorry for your loss.

Tom Fitch - July 15, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of George Stanley Varra.*



July 15, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mark Twain suggested we all live in such a manner that even the undertaker is sorry to see us go. I am sure in George's case, the undertaker is sorry to see him go. I know I am.*

Ed Yosses - July 15, 2015 at 09:24 AM



“ *I had the privilege of cutting George's hair for several years. He and I also shared the experiences of working on a dairy farm. I always found it fascinating, his many interests and his enthusiasm for all of them. I always sensed George's sensitive and caring demeanor. Though George will be missed, the fond memories will be a legacy of comfort and knowing God has prepared a place for him. Blessings, Jim and Janee Ahlers*

Jim and Janee Ahlers - July 14, 2015 at 09:36 PM