



## Samuel William Geist

March 13, 1938 - June 3, 2010

Samuel William Geist, age 72 of Fort Collins, died, Friday, May 28, 2010. Dad died at home with family by his side. He was born at Poudre Valley Hospital, March 13, 1938. After graduating from Fort Collins High school in 1956, he served his country in the Army. On September 9, 1964 he married Patricia Joyce Ballerby-Bonner. In 1961, he began his career of owning and operating gas and service stations. In August of 2001 he closed up shop and as dad said "called it a career?". Dad enjoyed watching all sports, especially the Denver Broncos. Dad loved movies, especially westerns. Dad fought cancer the way he lived his life; with courage, pride, and the determination that he could win the battle. His humor shined all the way to the end! Dr. Casey and the staff at Poudre Valley Oncology and Dr. McFarland and everyone at Front Range Cancer Specialist fought side by side with Dad in his battle. Bless you all! Nurse Carol Purdy earned another set of wings for her hard work. And to the staff at Pathways Hospice, thanks for helping Samara guide him those last days. To Snuffy, Denny and John Robledo your friendship and loyalty provided comfort, strength and hope to Dad. Sam is survived by his wife, Pat; daughters, Sherri Doc Holliday and their children, Wyatt and Marshall all of Windsor, Colorado, Kim Mario Foster of Greeley and Samara Alex Geist and their child, Dillon Samuel all of Fort Collins; niece, Tamara Lockman of Phoenix, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved sister, Margaret Ann. A Celebration of Life will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Fort Collins, 1709 W. Elizabeth at 10:30 a.m., Friday.

Father Raymond Chavez will officiate. A reception will immediately follow the service. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Samuel William Geist Memorial Fund in care Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Tribute Wall

SU

“ I'm nearly 4 years late finding out one of my great mentors is gone...I guess it's been over 20 years since I'd even seen Sam, but his huge presence has never left me. He gave me a job at Geist Conoco in 1988, and in a few short weeks I felt like a member of the family. I'll never forget his words everyday when I begged to do more than he would let me - "you have to crawl before you run Bilko"! I had enlisted in the Army and Sam was supportive the entire time. When my time to leave was up, it sure was tough for a kid like me to leave such a great boss/friend/family and all the co-workers at Geist Conoco. My sincerest sympathy goes to Ms. Pat, Samara, Sherry, and Kim.

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**Steve Ulrey** - March 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ Geist Family- What can I say? Sam Mr. Geist was like a father to me and will be missed . I can think of about a million and one things about Sam that bring a smile to my face....playing basketball out in the driveway man, he was a lot quicker than he looked, shoveling the driveway and sidewalks when it got to high for a "wimpy" high school kid to shovel. Helping out on all my crappy cars that I owned over the years. Letting me come over to watch the Broncos. Giving me a felt black hat that I wore everyday when I was in college. And just being a great neighbor and a good listener. At the time you don't realize how generous and humble a guy he was but looking back he had a great sense of humor and was liked by everyone that met him. And that's saying something in this day and age. My thoughts and prayers are with Patty and all the girls and I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your husband,father,and one of my best friends. Tim Quale

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**Tim Quale** - June 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I delivered auto parts for years to Giest Conoco. My deepest condolences, and your family is in my prayers.

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**Jessica Schuette** - June 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Sorry to hear of Sam's passing. The world was a better place with Sam in it....fellow classmate

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**Bob Hall** - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To a wonderful class mate of Ft. Collins High. Prayers are with the family.

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**James Bodhaine** - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Geist Family, I was so very sadden to receive the news of Sam's passing. Not having the opportunity to get back to Ft. Collins often I rarely got to see Sam. Actually, my brother Hugh saw him more often than me, when he stopped in to buy gas. Sam was a friend and companion from our FCHS 'super' class of '56'. May God be with him and comfort your family and friends in this time of sorrow. My prayers are with you. Agape' Don Shepherd

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**Don Shepherd** - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Sam's passing. We absolutely love that guy! We have so many fond memories of Sam but one of our favorites is when he would show up at 7:30 am on Christmas morning just to watch the kids open up their presents. His smile as he watched would light up the whole room and we truly enjoyed having him there with us. As our lives get busy, too much time passes by that we don't see the people who mean so much to us, unfortunately this happened with the Geist family and ourselves. Please know that although Sam, Patty and the girls are often on our minds, tonight we will say an extra prayer and give a tighter hug for your family. We love you, take care of yourselves during this difficult time and know that we are thinking of you.

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**Benavides Family - Tony, Teresa and The A-Team** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Bless you all with great memories. I met Sam when his station was on the corner of Mulberry and Canyon. My parents, Dorothy and Don Cammack, and my grandparents, Blanche and Curly Van Winkle, always bought gas there. Then gasoline ran about 20 cents a gallon. Once I got my driver's license, I followed the tradition.. We all loved Sam's wonderful sense of humor. Once, I had noticed an odd ticking sound in my car. I asked Sam about it next time I filled up. He diagnosed the problem as my fishing pole hitting the trunk lid. He was right! He often asked me about my "ticking" sound after that. By the time he had the station at the corner of Mulberry and Taft, I was living just around the corner. I still have the picture of his sign announcing the price of gasoline as "An Arm" and "A leg" when gas prices were shooting up almost daily. When he announced his retirement, I asked him what he was going to do. He replied, "Enjoy being a Granddad." You have my sincerest condolences.

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**Sue Coram** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *My sincere sympathy in Sam's passing. Sam was a childhood friend of mine and I have many fond memories of those times. He always had a smile and a good natured remark to share. Memories are something that we will always have until meeting again.*

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**Kay Kelley Scott** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Sams Passing. I feel for the whole Geist Family. He was a wonderful funny man with the biggest heart. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him, but for now till we meet again, May you rest in peace my friend.*

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**Angie Opie** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Joyce Shankle Breen** - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM