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Roger James Gunderson, devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 after complications due to COPD. He was surrounded by his 3 daughters, his favorite music, and great memories while he passed peacefully. He was 80 years old.

Roger was born in Spokane, WA on January 6, 1943 to Bertina and Alex Gunderson. He graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in 1961. Roger served in the Army and spent the majority of his time there in Thailand and was honorably discharged on March 10, 1967 attaining the rank of PVT E-3.

Roger was married to Shirley and welcomed Tina, his first daughter, in October of 1971. He later met Jean Casey in 1976 at the Alton's Tire Center in Coeur d'Alene, ID where she came to have work done on her car. They married in August of 1976. Michelle followed in 1977 and Tricia in 1980. The family moved from Post Falls, Idaho to Twisp and operated Cascade Tire Center for 4 years. The family moved to Wenatchee in the early 80's and owned Gundy's Tire Mart on Wenatchee Avenue. He began working as a mechanic for Nissan from the early 80's until about 1997. He worked

managing a few auto centers and then began his work as a maintenance and janitor from 1998 until he retired in 2011.

Roger was a member of the Catholic Church, a fly fisherman, a mechanic, and all-around good guy that enjoyed

spending time with his kids and grandkids. He loved his wife Jean and celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary shortly before he passed.

Roger is survived by his wife Jean, daughters Tina Gunderson of Spokane, Michelle Gutzwiler and her husband Jake, and Tricia Smith and her husband Matt of Edgewood, WA; his 5 grandchildren Leo, Nora, John, Roger and Elaine.

Roger's memorial service will take place at Heritage Memorial Chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 9th, followed by a small reception at the St. Joseph Catholic School gym.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Loved the casino trips with you. Christ will always treasure the auction sales together. We love and miss you, dear brother in law, Roger Gunderson. You always say the good in people. Got one of your good side.LOL*

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**Linda Gross** - September 08, 2023 at 06:38 PM

MH

“ *Roger & Jean were our next door neighbors and became our friends. We shared special times with them and Roger was always so appreciative of any help . We will miss him and as he said to me many times " God bless you". Roger, may you now rest in peace. Marilou and Bob Hughes*

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**Marilou Hughes** - September 08, 2023 at 07:23 AM

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“ *The first time I met Roger you couldn't wipe the smile off of his face. He and Jean had just gotten married and they came to Colorado. What a joy!  
The last time we seen Roger he wanted me to be sure that marrying Kevin was the right thing to do. I'm still married 9 years later.  
Thanks for the advice Roger.  
You will always be loved but never forgotten.*

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**Myra and Kevin Thoeny** - September 07, 2023 at 08:09 PM

DB

“ *Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Deb Baker** - September 07, 2023 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Sending Love and Prayers to all of you~*

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**Millisa A Pedersen** - September 07, 2023 at 08:01 AM