



## Gary Alan Gaedtke

September 20, 1959 - November 13, 2021

Gary Alan Gaedtke, 62, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, passed away in his sleep Saturday, November 13. He was born September 20, 1959 in Trenton, Michigan.

Gary graduated high school at Stevens Point Area Senior High School, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in 1977. He had a lifelong career as a hardworking and masterful chef for various restaurants in Colorado and Cheyenne, Wyoming. He spent many years living and working in Estes Park, Colorado where his daughter, Amber, was born.

Gary's biggest passion was music. He played guitar beautifully and loved to write songs. His life was devoted to music, and he worked just as hard on perfecting his playing skills as he did in the kitchen perfecting his cooking skills. His most recent employer was Point Frontier Assisted Living Facility of Cheyenne for the past year. Gary's generosity and caring for others was so well known to all who knew him.

Gary was preceded in death by his mother, Donna Gaedtke, from Bella Vista, Arkansas. He is survived by his father, Jerome Gaedtke of Bella Vista, Arkansas, his daughter Amber Schaefer (Brandon) of Cheyenne, his three grandchildren, Kaleb, Kaine, Brynlee. Brothers Jake Gaedtke (Janice) of Bozeman, Montana, Steve Gaedtke (Betty) of Yellville, Arkansas, and Tom Gaedtke (Dana) of Bonham, Texas.

His celebration of life service will be held on December 1 at 10:00, Wiederspah-Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes with Reception to follow. We ask for those attending to please bring your favorite picture of Gary to be attached to a memory board.



# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Wiederspahn - Radomsky Chapel of the Chimes** - November 30, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ Very nice service. My sympathies to Jiggs, Steve Tom and Jake, Amber and their families for their loss.

Maryann Sweeney

**Maryann Sweeney** - December 01, 2021 at 02:46 PM

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“ I used to work with Gary at Whispering Chase. When I think of him one on the first memory's that comes to mind is when ever someone dropped something in the kitchen he would very smugly reply with "just set that anywhere, the floor is fine". He was a very kind and genuine person. He cared deeply about the people he worked and interacted with, I will never forget the warmth and welcoming environment he gave off.

**Derrick Hammer** - December 01, 2021 at 12:01 PM

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“ A number of years ago during Christmastime, Jake (Gary's brother) and I were checking out Christmas decorated homes and came across one display which had speakers blasting Jimmy Buffet songs and an animated Margaritaville setting. We made an iPhone video of it and sent it to Gary! He loved it! Sending love and "cheers" to you, Gary, in your heavenly Margaritaville!

**Janice Gaedtke** - December 01, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ I only got to meet Gary a couple of times but they were special. The first-his dad and I were on a bus trip and we spent the night in Cheyenne. Gary came and picked us up and we spent a great evening and dinner with him and his family. The second was last month when he and his brothers came to BellaVista for a visit with his dad.



**Bev Eagan** - December 01, 2021 at 10:46 AM

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“ Catherine (my wife) and I used to like to have as a treat, a cheese. cake with different swirls on top. So did Gary.

So, every couple of months on a Friday night, we would give Gary such a cheese cake to take home that evening/ weekend for himself, family, and friends.

After Catherine passed, then I still continued our tradition with Gary.

I always meant to ask Gary what he liked to drink with his cheese cake (I drank / drink Pepsi) but I never did.

As Johnny Cash would sing - I guess I will have to just wait to find out when I see Gary "In the Sweet Bye and Bye". Then Gary can play the song on his guitar. Catherine and I will eat cheese cake with him and see what Gary drinks.

**John Fitch** - December 01, 2021 at 12:45 AM

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“ On a few special occasions Gary treated us with his guitar playing and a few of his favorite songs (several seemed to deal with the themes of the benefits of Margaritas, warm sunny beaches, and friends.

Marti Maddox (our long tern Activities Director at WC), organized a number of us volunteering residents into a small singing group (approx during Dec, 2019 and Mar, 2020). We sang several times at noon in the Main Dinning Room and later on Friday afternoons during Happy Hour (particularly romantic Elvis Presley songs around Valentine's Day, etc).

Gary brought his guitar, and some additional possible song selections, to several of our practice sessions. Gary had decades of experience playing his guitar, and (completely unexpectedly to us) earlier in life experience playing with a professional band. He happily shared his experiences, and humor with us all.

In my personnel opinion, I thank that all of us volunteers (certainly me) came off so much much better due to Marti's organizing abilities and Gary's guitar & band experiences. The other residents also received the unexpected benefits from Gary our chef.

Go Gary Go

John Fitch - November 30, 2021 at 09:47 PM

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“ If I may use the words & tune of Roy Rodgers and Dale Evans, Happy Trails to you Gary We all love you.and what you shared with us.

John Fitch - November 30, 2021 at 08:27 PM

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“ Here at Whispering Chase Gary was classified as a cook for all the years I (we) knew him there. However, to Catherine (my wife now deceased), myself, and most other residents, Gary was a chef by the quality of his cooking and his desire to do better. John & Catherine Fitch, previously Apt 130.

John Fitch - November 30, 2021 at 05:38 PM

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“ I was heartbroken to hear of Gary's passing. He will be sorely missed at Whispering Chase. He was a wonderful person to know.

**Rhonda Spier** - November 28, 2021 at 11:46 AM

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“ Gary was a great guy always made me laugh always giving me crap he will be missed... rip Gary

**Brenda Rippy** - November 27, 2021 at 04:13 PM

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“ Love you brother.  
Steve Gaedtke

**Steve Gaedtke** - November 24, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Alen Gaedtke.



November 24, 2021 at 12:56 PM

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“ To many memories to try and share them all. You are so unbelievably loved by so many. I just hope you are on the beach, toes in the sand, a drink beside you playing all of your favorite tunes with all of the wonderful musicians you always wished you could meet. Just make you sure you keep writing your own music! Love you Daddy!

**Amber Schaefer** - November 24, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ My favorite chef! Who tried to make away with both my toy poodles babies. Who assured me, you would take them if I needed to travel or took my last journey. Thank you for so much! For the appreciation when my dogs barked saving Doris from the blizzard to accommodating my family. For the love for my Baili, Lily and now Fergus. We will always remember you for all your kindness.

**Susan Denker** - November 28, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ We knew Gary from the seven years we lived at Whispering Chase. What a nice guy!

**Janet Cunningham** - November 28, 2021 at 11:33 PM



“ It's snowing

**Linda Squier** - November 30, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ We never knew his music but we ate dozens of his rolls which were the best, especially the big white ones. Gary loved his rolls and ut showed. Keep on baking, Gary.

**Frank and Carolyn Dennis** - December 01, 2021 at 12:43 PM