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Gary Robert Deitz of Fresno, California, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2026, at the age of 85. Born May 18, 1940, Gary lived a full and adventurous life defined by curiosity, a love of collecting, and quiet devotion to family and friends.

An avid collector, Gary enjoyed stamp and coin collecting, rocks and minerals, and Hot Wheels toy cars. His greatest passion, however, was caring for and breeding reptiles — a hobby that brought him endless fascination and joy. He loved to travel and explored many places; his most recent trip was a cruise to the Western Pacific that was sadly cut short after a visit to New Zealand.

Gary retired about ten years ago at the age of 75 but remained engaged in his business and personal interests. He maintained his insurance business in partnership with Sydra Young, who after 35 years working together became like family.

He is survived by his beloved wife Kathleen Deitz, with whom he shared nearly 55 years of marriage; daughters Vicki Wenger and Sheree Amspacher; sons Shawn Deitz and Rand Deitz; and numerous grandchildren and great-

grandchildren who will miss his presence, stories, and warmth. Gary touched many lives and counted many friends along the way.

Family and friends will remember Gary for his adventurous spirit, his collections, and the quiet, steady love he offered his family. Memorial arrangements will be shared by the family. He will be dearly missed.

Cemetery Details

Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 18. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



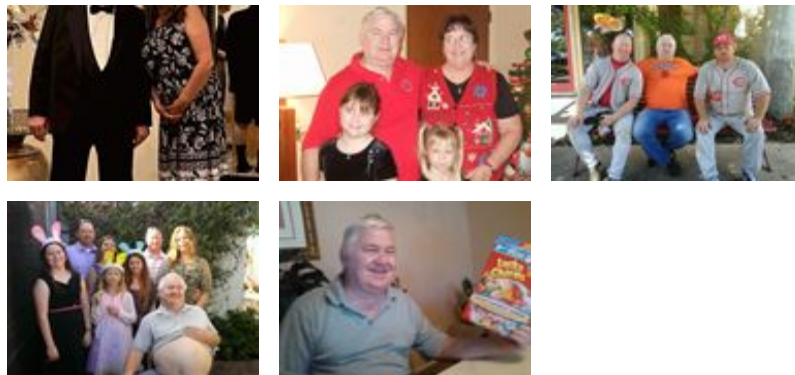
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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - May 01 at 07:30 PM



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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - April 17 at 03:50 PM

EZ

“ *First my condolences to Gary's family for their loss. Gary always greeted me with a smile, he was a nice and caring man. The first time I went to his house with my comadre Sydra and he and his wife showed me the section of the house that had his collection of hot wheels and his wifes doll collection totally blew me away. That section of his is a kids dream room.*

Elena Zavala - April 14 at 03:08 AM

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“ *Elena Zavala lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitz*



Elena Zavala - April 14 at 02:56 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Shawn Deitz - April 13 at 10:28 PM

VM

“ *We are going to miss Gary so much, he was such a big part of our lives. Forever thankful for how much he loved our family. Sending so much love to the Deitz family. Gone, but never forgotten* ❤️🙏



Vanessa Margain - April 13 at 10:03 PM

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“ *Sydra Young lit a candle in memory of Gary Deitz*



Sydra Young - April 11 at 02:01 PM

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“ Gary, I still can't believe you're gone 😞. Thank you for the 30 years of memories I will forever cherish. You always asked me, if you were ever gone, to make sure to take care of Kathy for you. Well rest peacefully because she has a small army here for her. I'll love you forever and miss you for eternity. 🙏❤️ Sydra

Sydra Young - April 11 at 04:26 AM