



Gary Soule Chauvin

April 29, 2018

Gary Soule Chauvin, “Uncle Bud”, age 75, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Gary Chauvin was born in San Diego, California in 1942, and moved to McAllen, Texas in his youth. Gary graduated from McAllen High School in 1960.

He studied at Oblates of Mary Immaculate after high school, where he earned a Masters in Theology. He was ordained as a Catholic priest in 1970, at the age of 28. After several years in the priesthood, Gary began to dream of starting family. He met Janie Gutierrez and made this dream come true. After he and Janie married in 1978, Gary worked in the family produce business, Chauvin and Sons, while raising his four children.

In 1998, after earning his teaching certificate and Masters in Education at UT Pan Am, Gary began teaching in La Joya ISD, where he filled roles both in the classroom and in physical education for several years. Even after retiring from teaching, Gary continued educating the youth of the valley for fourteen years as a tutor at Sylvan Learning Center.

During retirement, Gary began participating in 5K's, triathlons, and other races, and it quickly became a passion. He kept an impressive collection of race medals, and typically finished in the top 3 for his age group in the McAllen summer 5K series.

Gary has been a member of the Catholic church his entire life, and attended Our Lady of Sorrows as well as our Lady of Perpetual Help. He loved to sing in church for all to hear.

He enjoyed taking his family to his favorite crabbing hole, watching sports (Go Yankees! Go Lakers!), and spending time with his family. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, Catholic, educator, coach, and athlete.

He is preceded in death by his father, Andrew Chauvin; mother, Thora Chauvin; and sister, Ann Brown. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Janie Chauvin; daughter, Sara Friesen; son, Charles Chauvin; daughter, Mariana De La Rosa; son, Larry Chauvin; and nine grandchildren.

A viewing will take place from 4pm to 8pm on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Kreidler Funeral Home McAllen, TX. Rosary will take place at 7pm. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 with a 10am mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church followed by the burial at Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/sem5z-buds-medical-fund>

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
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Rosary

MAY 3. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Soule Chauvin

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ Gary Soule Chauvin

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ We have known Gary since my daughter, Kristin, and Mariana were students together in elementary school at Milam. Gary had such great enthusiasm for life and had a wonderful way of making everyone he met feel special. I will always recall his impromptu visit to my house to check out a nest of eggs laid by a whistling duck in my backyard tree. We have so many great memories of his attending sporting events, special occasions, and family gatherings. Mariana and Kristin have remained best friends throughout the years, and Gary has been so special to Kristin since she lost her father fifteen years ago. We have been blessed to have him as our friend throughout the years.

Rest in peace, Gary.

Janet Bosch

Janet Bosch - May 02, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ I knew Bud through the 5K races that we ran over the last few years. I will so much miss his presence. Blessings to you Janie and to your family.

Larry Prater

Larry Prater - May 01, 2018 at 05:10 PM

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Thank You Larry Prater! Gary considered you a great friend! His final race was to be with the Lord! May he continue to Rest In Peace! I already miss him dearly!

Janie Chauvin - May 06, 2018 at 10:51 AM