



# Rutledge Family

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**G**ary Joseph Rutledge  
1966 – 2023

Gary was born on July 16, 1966, in Moline, Illinois, to parents Earl and Joyce Rutledge. Gary died on October 12, 2023.

Gary graduated from Orion High School in Illinois in 1984. In 1985 Gary joined the Army and served for 4 years. After the army Gary returned home and lived in Orion and Lynn Center. Gary moved to Oregon in 2003 and worked at Willamette Falls where he met his wife Michelle Windsor in 2005. At the time of his death Gary was working at Bonneville Dam. Gary and Michelle started a family in 2006 with the birth of their son Ryan, followed by sister Kate in 2008. Gary was very proud of climbing Mt. Rainier twice.

Gary was predeceased by his parents Earl and Joyce Rutledge. He is survived by sisters Cheryl Ward (Steve Wilson), Lori (Ken) Cook, and Wendi (Rick) Marver. Brothers David (Kerie) and Allen (Michelle) Rutledge.

Michelle Windsor-Rutledge  
1970 – 2023

Michelle was born on February 20, 1970, in Hillsboro, Oregon, to parents Richard and Linda Windsor. She died on October 12, 2023.

Michelle grew up in Aloha, Oregon and graduated from Aloha High School in 1988 and U of O in 1992.

She married Gary Rutledge on September 15, 2005, in Oregon City where they started their family.

In 2012 Michelle and her family moved to Troutdale where Ryan and Kate attended school. Michelle worked for Northwest College of Construction in Portland as a controller. She enjoyed photography, making greeting cards and quilting.

Michelle was predeceased by her grandparents Clyde and Beryl Jean Lepin and her brother Bill



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Windsor. She is survived by her parents Richard and Linda Windsor of St. Helens, OR, aunt Judy Lepin of Rainier, uncles Jim Lepin of Rathdrum, ID and Ron Windsor of North Plains, OR.

Ryan M. Rutledge

2006 – 2023

Ryan was born on August 19, 2006, in Portland, Oregon to parents Gary and Michelle Rutledge. Ryan died on October 12, 2023.

Ryan grew up in Troutdale where he attended school. He was a junior at Reynolds High School. He was an honor student, taking AP classes, he enjoyed reading and playing video games.

Katherine “Kate” M. Rutledge

2008 – 2023

Kate was born on June 24, 2008, in Portland, Oregon to parents Gary and Michelle Rutledge of Troutdale, Oregon. Kate died October 12, 2023.

Kate was a sophomore at Reynolds High School, where she took AP classes and participated in theater. She enjoyed crafts, baking, and hanging out with friends.


The children are preceded and survived by their grandparents, aunts, and uncles listed above.


There will be a celebration of life for the Rutledge family November 10, 2023, at 11:00 AM at Reynolds High School, in Troutdale, Oregon.

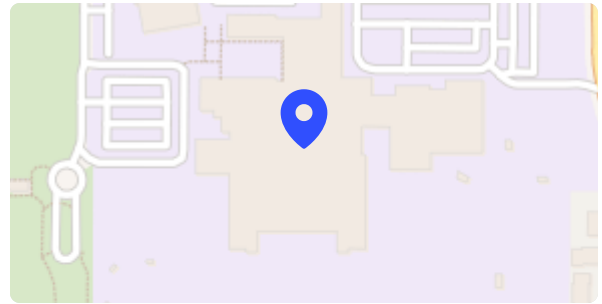


**Celebration of Life**

 **Friday**, November 10, 2023

 11:00 AM PT

 **Reynolds High School**  
1698 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale OR  
97060





## Tribute Wall

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**Paul Weitz** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of Gary, Michelle, Ryan and Katherine. Gary and I became friends when he lived in Morris, Illinois. My prayers will be with the entire family.

July 9 at 4:36 PM



**Anonymous** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Rutledge.



November 11 at 1:33 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rutledge.



November 11 at 1:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Family family.



November 9 at 9:20 AM



**Borra Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rutledge.



November 9 at 9:20 AM



**Eileen Fligg** posted:

I did not know this family, but as a member of the community I would like to send condolences. The Rutledges sound like they were a wonderful family who was tragically taken. Eileen Fligg

November 8 at 5:33 PM



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**Scot Love** posted:

I'm remembering the times we played baseball in the CR Hannah schoolyard, backyard football in the snow and sliding down their hill. We were neighbors for many years just four houses away. Gary made me laugh, smile and was a wonderful wonderful friend! We played on the Cardinals little league football 6th, 7th and 8th grade as teammates. Gary was always a little bit of a prankster, and I'm gonna throw myself under the bus. I remember one time being at his house and I had to go to the bathroom really bad. I failed to notice that there was no toilet paper. Gary made me wait for quite a bit of time because he found it very humorous before he brought me some TP.

November 6 at 1:19 AM



**Deeann Mckinney Bowling** posted:

Can't remember exactly when I met Gary, it's like I've always known him. My parents always called him dimples and all who knew him know why. Didn't see him often but did message and talk to him on phone every couple months like no time had passed between talks. He loved his family and could hear how much in his voice when he spoke of them. Great man and family lost way to soon. Fly high my friend until we meet again ❤️🌻

November 5 at 4:48 PM



**Carol Rogers** lit a candle in honor of Rutledge.

Gary and I met at the science table in 8th grade. Our friendship lasted a lifetime despite not seeing each other for many years. I enjoyed spending time with him and his family last spring. It felt like I knew them forever as they all treated us as family. All very special people who have left a huge whole in the world. My condolences to their entire family.

November 2 at 3:08 PM



**Kathy Cooper Ashley** lit a candle in honor of Rutledge.

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November 2 at 11:20 AM





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