



Garry S Vujanov

December 2, 1950 - February 14, 2025

Princeton - Garry S. Vujanov, 74, affectionately known as "Coach" or "Cubby," followed the Yellow Brick Road on Friday, February 14, 2025, at the McLean County Nursing Home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on December 2, 1950, in Cuyahoga Falls, OH, to the late Steven and Pauline (Lischak) Vujanov.

Garry earned his Bachelor of Science in Special Education from the University of Miami in 1972. He married Susan Nelson in 1975 in Sheffield, IL, together they had two children, Nicholas and Sarah. They later divorced in 2007, he coupled with Diane Troehler in 2017 until his passing.

He dedicated his career to various roles, working at the Allen Lumber Company, Lowe's, RP Lumber, and Jolt. His true passion, however, was coaching football. He mentored athletes from Tiskilwa High School, Princeton High School, Kewanee High School, Savannah State University, Peoria Pirates, and Eureka College.

Beyond his love for coaching, Garry enjoyed cooking, something he found relaxing and loved having everyone around, talking over a good meal and a stiff drink. He was quite the grill master, and if it could be cooked outdoors, that's where you would find him. He enjoyed antiques and finding old

treasures as well as looking at items from the past.

Garry was quite the horticulturist. You could find him outside landscaping and planting flowers while listening to his favorite music. He had a love for reading and never stopped learning or expanding his mind. His love of football, was something he was born with, he loved teaching others as well as making lasting friendships along the way and when he was no longer able to do that, he watched it. Above all, it was time spent with his family and friends that brought him the most joy.

He had a fascination with The Wizard of Oz, from the book to the movie. He could spew quotes and lines. He identified with the Cowardly Lion-a gentle giant who ultimately found his courage.

Garry is survived by his children, son Nicholas (Gina) Vujanov of Princeton, IL, and daughter Sarah Vujanov of Peoria, IL; his grandchildren, Natalie Vujanov, Anthony Vujanov, and Isaiah Beckum; sisters, Wendy Scrimgeor and Rebecca Vujanov.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Steven and Pauline Vujanov, and his former wife, Susan Vujanov-Nelson.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments, in Princeton, IL.

A private burial will take place at a later date.

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charitable distribution.

Online condolences may be shared at www.norbergfh.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Calvert Cremation Services

1115 E Washington St
Bloomington, IL 61701

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Grew up in Cuyahoga Falls with Vuj... great football memories starting in Jr. High. So many teammates, best of times.
Roger

Roger Parker - February 20, 2025 at 10:52 PM

SM

“ Suzie Munson lit a candle in memory of Garry S Vujanov



Suzie Munson - February 20, 2025 at 01:21 PM

SH

“ We met Garry through Diane not long after they became a couple. ❤️ He soon became our neighbor moving in with her. They made such a fun couple. He used to tell us such interesting stories about his football years while floating around in the pool. He loved the pool! He really knew his way around a bbq grill. We loved being around him. He made us laugh a lot. Our friendship was cut short when he became ill. We will miss him a lot. He is now Off To See The Wizard. Our love to all of his loved ones he left behind.
Gary and Sherry Vogel

Sherry - February 18, 2025 at 01:37 PM

GV

“ Gary and Sherry Vogel purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Garry S Vujanov.



Gary and Sherry Vogel - February 18, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BD

“ Condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏



Barry Dugosh - February 17, 2025 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ Dear Nick and Sarah,
We are sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. We both fondly remember his great sense of humor and know you will miss him.
With much sympathy, Joe and Donna Hoenscheid

the Hoenscheid family - February 16, 2025 at 06:27 PM

PG

Dear Nick and Sarah,
I too have many fond memories of your dad. What a sense of humor he had!! So sorry for this loss for both of you and your families.
Prayers are being said for you all.
Most sincerely,
Patty Genster

Patty Genster - February 21, 2025 at 02:55 PM