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Garner Michael Pozgay

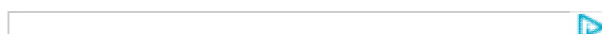
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Garner Michael Pozgay, 71, went to be with his Savior Jesus on Dec. 17, 2013, at his home in Port Angeles, Wash. surrounded by his loving family, following a brief journey with brain cancer.

Join family and friends to celebrate the life and passing of one of God's chosen men, The Rev. Garner (Gary) Pozgay.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Trinity Christian School, 2419 9th Ave. W., Williston. Guests are welcome 30 minutes prior to the service.



For those choosing to remain after the service, refreshments will be available at the school café.

Interment was held Jan. 8 at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan.

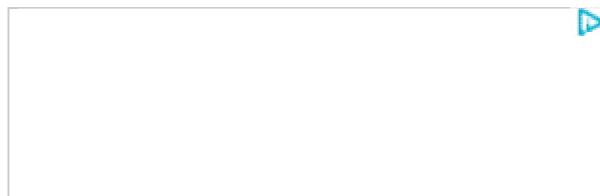
Gary was born on Nov. 15, 1942, in Dubuque, Iowa to Stephen William Pozgay and Jeanne Marjorie (Patch) Pozgay. Following the war, the family lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, Maryland and Massachusetts. Subsequent to his father's death in 1965, his mother remarried John W. Chaplin.

Gary is survived by his siblings, Jerome Pozgay, Jeanne (Pozgay) Tully and Jeffrey Pozgay, all of the Boston area.

In December 1998, Gary married Penny Trimble in Gig Harbor, Wash. Their family of seven moved to Williston shortly thereafter where Christopher Daniel was born, bringing the total number of children to 11. The family remained in Williston for nearly 15 years. Gary received a diagnosis of brain cancer and they moved back to Washington for further medical care as well as proximity to extended family.

After completing high school in 1960, Gary joined the United States Army.

He served around the world in many capacities: target acquisition senior sergeant - 3 years and 6 months, recruiter and career counselor - 10 years and 5 months, administrative specialist - 16 years and 4 months, interpreter (Russian) - 19 years and 4 months. He received many decorations, honors and medals; the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, good Conduct Medal (6th award), Oversea Service Bars (2), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal First Class and United States Army Recruiter Badge.



Gary received his bachelor of arts - Evergreen State College in 1986, master of business administration - City University in 1989, ministerial license - Church of the Nazarene - Dakota District in 2002 and ordination - Church of the Nazarene-Dakota District in 2007.

As a professional, Gary served as a business administrator, computer programmer, financial advisor, associate professor of computer programming and veteran's counselor to name a few.

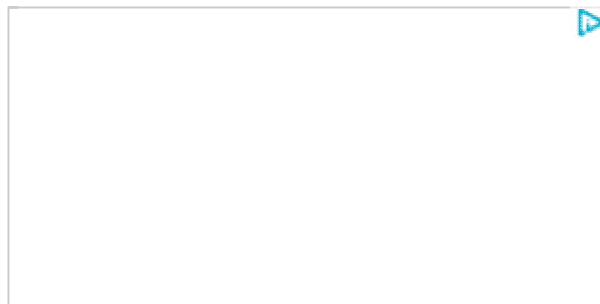
Additionally, he graciously served many churches in the Dakota's and Washington State, The Salvation Army, The Lion's Club and Leadership Williston.

Gary was an accomplished thespian performing in numerous productions, an ardent Bible scholar and teacher, a master woodworker and a most joyful father, husband, and friend serving Jesus Christ with every ounce of his being.

Gary is survived by his wife of 15 years, Penny (Trimble) Pozgay; 10 children, Walter Pozgay, Thomas Pozgay, Melody Pozgay, Jennifer (Gustavson) Clingman, Joshua Pozgay, Eric Pozgay, Adam Pozgay, Sarah Pozgay, Timothy Pozgay and Christopher Pozgay; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and another great-grandchild on the way.

Gary was preceded in death by his second wife, Robin (Gustavson) Pozgay; his son, Chesney Long Pozgay; and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: The Salvation Army, any Church of the Nazarene, Trinity Christian School, The Gideon's or any organization devoted to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God through the blood of Jesus Christ.



Friends are welcome to visit www.eversonfh.com to share memories of Gary or leave condolences for his family.

The Everson Funeral Home of Williston is caring for the family.