



# Gary L. Pickett

1940 - 2017 Obituary

June 04, 1940 - April 22, 2017

Gary Lee Pickett, 76, of Irvine, California, succumbed to cancer on April 22, 2017 after a courageous fight; he was at home surrounded by his loving family.

Gary is survived by his wife Alice of 23 years; son Brad and his wife Annette, and grandson Dylan; stepson Cooper and his wife Adrienne, and grandchildren Veronica and Conrad; stepdaughter Elizabeth and her husband Brian, and grandchildren Abbie, Hope, Eva, and Alice.

Gary was born in Redlands, California to Ruth and Kenneth Pickett. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Cal Poly Pomona while competing as an outstanding track athlete for the Broncos. Later he earned his Master's degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University. He also served as an Officer in the Army National Guard from 1963-1969, where he led a platoon of men.

He began his teaching career at Alder Junior High School before being called back to service. After his military duty was complete, he went to work at Fontana High School as a teacher and track coach for 37 years, except for a two-year stint in the early 1980's at Chaffey College, where he led the track team to their first conference title in 25 years. After retiring from FOHI in 2002, he continued coaching for another 4 years at Santiago Canyon College.

Gary loved to play golf with friends, spend time with family, attend his son's track meets, and take trips with his wife. Most importantly, he touched countless lives with his positive attitude, incredible wisdom, loving heart, and amazing smile. Gary will be missed and loved eternally.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Oakdale Memorial Park, 1401 South Grand Avenue, Glendora, California. Reception to follow at Glendora Country Club.