



## Darwin Wesley Cudney

September 3, 1937 - December 19, 2013

Dar Cudney passed away peacefully in Carson City, Nevada on December 19, 2013. He was 76 years old.

Dar was born on September 3, 1937 in Central City, Nebraska to Leonard and Eunice Halleck Cudney. He moved to Southern California with his family at a young age and grew up in Westchester, California near the beautiful beaches of Santa Monica and Playa del Rey. A superior athlete from the day he was born, he excelled at football, playing for Westchester High School's Varsity team where he was named Most Valuable Player. High school friends fondly called him the "King" the rest of his life. He graduated from Westchester High in 1956. After attending Santa Monica City College, completing a two year tour of duty in the United States Army, Dar married the love of his life, Gail Smith, also of Westchester, California, and went to work for Edison International. He had a long and successful career, respected by many, and retired at the age of 55.

Dar was an amazing and talented man who completed just about everything he wanted to in life. Avid and accomplished pilot, boater, water skier, snow skier, and all around great athlete, he built a house, built an airplane hanger, owned a plane and flew across the country, owned a boat and skied the lakes of California and Arizona, and as a close friend describes, in the immortal words of Frank Sinatra, "I Did it My Way." Larger than life, Dar was, and is, a wonderful husband, father, and friend – loved, gone too soon, will be terribly missed, but never, ever forgotten by family and friends. Dar is preceded in

death by his parents, his brother, Gayle, and his sister, Gwen. He is survived by his wife, Gail, his daughter, Julie, his sons, Bill and Jim, his grandsons, Billy and Cody, his older brother, Larry, and his younger sister, Marilyn.

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ I had the honor of meeting Dar through his daughter Julie. In the short time I knew him I admired the man he was and how he loved his Wife and family. He was a strong yet soft spoken man, I was amazed by his confidence and fearless approach when he decided to built a house in Utah (with his own two hands). I can only imagine that he lived his life with the same fearlessness and confidence. I truly regret not being able to get to know him better. He was the type man I could only hope to be.

anonymous - January 05, 2025 at 12:00 AM



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Julie Cudney - November 03, 2022 at 10:58 PM

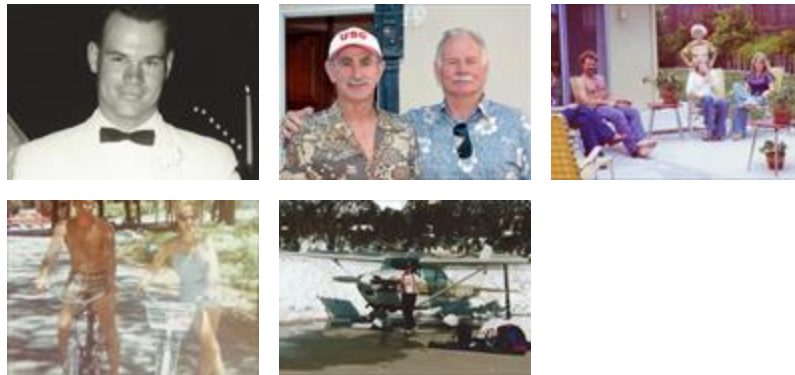
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*Dar Cudney (Darwin Wesley Cudney); Lake Tahoe, September 2012*

Julie Cudney - November 05, 2022 at 03:31 AM

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Julie Cudney - October 23, 2022 at 12:01 AM

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Julie Cudney - October 22, 2022 at 01:01 AM

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“ *My Darling Dad, thinking of you and missing you every day. So thankful for the amazing life you led. People everywhere remember you fondly and with such heartfelt reverence. You are our forever hero! We love you!!*

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**Julie Cudney** - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dear Gail and family,  
Our prayers are with you and we are so, so sorry!  
Sincerely,  
Marty & Peggy Jo*

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**Marty & Peggy Jo Reider** - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We've known Dar and Gail since our junior high school days. Our families grew up together. We had many adventures and Dar was always the star. He will be dearly missed, but that star will always shine in our hearts. All our love to the Cudney family. Marty&Josie*

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**Marty and Josie Martinelli** - January 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Dar was the first person we met at Sky Ranch, Hurricane, Utah. He was building his house and hangar (house first). I always thought that his and Gai's house was the most beautiful house here. We miss them. Tried to contact him last year when I landed in Minden. Now I have a feeling for why he didn't respond.*

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**Jennifer McCarroll** - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *What an energised person, an example for us all. Dar and I had many adventures together. One very memorable day we (legally) prepared a barrel cactus for transport and it got away from us---took an hour to find it!*

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**Tim Hart** - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ *Dar was a great friend from High school, and old Newbury Park, CA neighbor and I'll miss him a lot. We had a great trip on his plane from Las Vegas, NV to Alaska and back in June of 2003. that I will always remember.*

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**Charles Zetterstrom** - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM