George Callaway (1953 – 2004)

George Kenneth Callaway, a resident of Barstow for 38 years, passed away Thursday Feb. 19, 2004 at Barstow Community Hospital. He was born Feb. 2, 1953 in Glendale, Calif., to Bonnie and George Callaway, who affectionately called him Georgie Porgie. The name Georgie stuck with him through his life as he was a very happy and warm person. George graduated from Barstow High School and went to work immediately for Goldstone Tracking Station. He lived in Grandview most of his life and was known by his friends as The Unofficial Honorary Mayor of Grandview. He was also volunteer member of the Lenwood Fire Department for three years. Georgie was slightly handicapped, but it didn't stop him from hard work. He loved animals, and when he arrived in Barstow in 1966 he joined 4-H and later Future Farmers of America. Georgie participated in rodeos as a youngster and, at the time of his death, he still had horses. His second love was auto racing, which he started doing with his father and brother. He continued the Callaway and Sons Racing legacy with his own son Jeremy. Georgie also loved darts, karaoke, camping, and telling stories while barbecuing for his friends and family. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge. George is survived by his wife, Gerdonna; daughters, Mary Danielle Romine of Barstow, and Shannon Frasier of Chico; sons, Jeremy of Barstow and Michael of Salt Lake City, Utah; mother, Bonnie Ingram of Barstow; father, George Kenneth Callaway II of El Mirage, Calif.; aunt, Elizabeth Humphries of Barstow; brother, Daryl Callaway of Apple Valley; sisters, Kathie Callaway-Hall of Las Vegas, Nev., Teresa McMahan of North Carolina, Cheryl Riley of Glendora, and Jamie Cordova of Apple Valley, six grandchildren; step-brothers, John Ingram Jr. of San Fernando, Clifford Ingram of Arkansas, and Rory Ingram of Virginia; step-sisters, Tamma Wedgeworth of Washington, and Julie Griffith of Idaho; and the entire city of Barstow. Georgie, we will miss your endless humor, infectious smile, your big brown dancing eyes, and most of all your big heart. Viewing will be Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004 at 1 p.m. and funeral service will be at 4 p.m. at Mead Mortuary, 36930 Irwin Road. Following the funeral service, a memorial service will be held at the Moose Lodge, 34920 Victor Ave. Refreshments for the family and friends will be provided by the Moose Lodge.

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