



Gunnar W. Grove, Jr.

February 20, 1972 - July 25, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gunnar Grove, Jr., who left us too soon at the age of 53. Born on February 20, 1972, in Hawthorne, NV, Gunnar lived a wonderfully unique life that touched everyone around him.

Gunnar was a true culinary artist, working his way up from line cook to chef in several restaurants in the Woodbridge, VA area. His passion for cooking was matched only by his fondness for fishing, reading, and playing video games. As a child, one could often find him skating around the neighborhood or buried in a good book. He had a knack for math that amazed everyone, all without breaking a sweat.

Known for his kindness and humor, Gunnar was the type of person who would drop everything to help a friend—or even a stranger—in need. He lived life on his own terms, marching to the beat of his own drum, and prided himself on being one of a kind. A laid-back soul, Gunnar preferred being a passenger rather than behind the wheel, much to the delight of those who got to drive him around.

He is survived by his parents, Gunnar Sr. and Cle Grove; 2 daughters, Molly Grove Campbell and husband John and Madyson “Maddie” Grove; son, Gunnar Grove, III and wife Kimmi; 2 sisters, Gabrielle Grove and LaShawna

Southern and brother, Joe Grove.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Mary and James Grove and uncles, Richard and Larry Grove.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Services

SEP 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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“ *My fondest memories of Gunnar are the endless nights we would sit at the Spotlight and shoot pool. He had a heart of gold and always, always talked about how much he loved his kids. He was a big part of my life and we had so many laughs and shared great conversations and he will be truly missed by me. Gunnar will always have a place in my heart and I know you are in a good place. We will always have the food fight at my house as a great memory.*



Antonia Hinojosa - December 28, 2025 at 04:44 AM