



# Mr. Gary L. Morey

JUN 10, 1962 - FEB 21, 2010



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**G**ary L. Morey, 47 of Fort Worth, TX entered into God's presence on Sunday February 21, 2010 in Huntsville, TX after a 33 month battle with brain cancer (Glioblastoma). Gary was a 1980 graduate of Pasadena High School and a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. During 12 years of military service with the United States Air Force, Gary traveled the globe in many roles, ranging from directing military communications stations to teaching conversational English in the countries where he lived. He ended his career with the rank of Captain. Gary was awarded a Masters in Communications at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and was completing studies toward a Bachelors Degree in Nursing (Registered Nurse) when he was diagnosed with cancer. Gary worked part-time with Christian radio station, KCBI in Dallas, TX and volunteered countless hours before and during his illness with his community and church. He had a special love and devotion for his recent work with the Karen Refugees and Adult learning Program, as well as countless other volunteer commitments at Agape Baptist Church. He was a model citizen, devout Christian, and lived his entire life in service of others. Gary was a beloved son, brother, nephew, a fun uncle, a loving husband and a helpful and caring friend to anyone who was blessed to cross his path. Gary is survived by his wife of eight years, Janis T. Morey; parents, Charles and Maxine Morey; sisters Julie Carker and her husband Joe, Jayne Williams and her husband Matt, and Glenda Garcia and her husband Alejandro. He also leaves to cherish in his memory numerous other relatives and a host of friends. A celebration of Gary's life is to be held on February 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Agape Baptist Church in Fort Worth. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Brain Tumor Society by going to [www.brainumor.org/sdonatenow](http://www.brainumor.org/sdonatenow) or Agape Baptist Church, 3900 SW Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76116, phone number 817-923-6800.



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September 10 at 11:20 AM



**Lisa Rey-Dodge** posted:

I met Gary when he came through the hospital as a Nursing student. He was so amazing! So when he returned to the hospital and wanted to work with us we felt blessed. So positive, so kind, just an absolutely amazing person. The kind of person that makes you want to be a better person. So of course when I learned of his diagnosis I was stunned. Selfishly, I thought God can't take this amazing person to heaven we need more people like him here. When he spoke of his diagnosis he told me it was okay that now that he wasn't working he would be able to do more good. WOW! What an amazing person! Remembering you today and always. Thank you for all the gifts you gave all of us with your kindness. A hero in many ways.

October 11 at 7:01 AM



**Michael E. Williams** posted:

My sincerest condolences to the entire Morey family for your loss. Even as a young man, Gary was well loved and respected by all who were fortunate to know him. Gary and I lost contact over the years, but I always remembered Gary for his kindness, comp[assion, and boundless energy! GOD has brought him home now. May his memory live in our hearts forever.

June 1 at 4:02 PM



**John Keefe And Family** posted:

Dear Maxine and family, We are saddened to hear of your loss of your beloved Gary. We are praying that you will be comforted by your memories of him, the sweet assurance of his eternal life, and by God Himself who loves you dearly. In His Unfailing Love, The Keefe family

February 27 at 12:10 PM



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DS

**Daryl Smith** posted:

I met Gary when he was a four degree (freshman) at the Air Force Academy in 1982. This was the beginning of a long friendship. He was a man of character, action and conviction as many have noted. However, let us not forget what Gary himself would and did say. He was going to Heaven, not because he was a "good guy", but because he realized 1. Like all of us, he was not perfect and needed forgiveness 2. He sincerely asked Jesus Christ to take away his sins and be his Savior and Lord. If we can trust what Jesus told us (and I believe we can). Gary is with Him in Heaven right now. We miss you Gary! Daryl

February 26 at 10:02 AM

JM

**Johnny Mahana** posted:

I met Gary in the first grade, from that day until Feb. 21 he was a person of high morals and great character. Always, Gary was the one smiling, laughing and steady. Mine and Sherry's prayers are lifted up on the Morey families behalf. See you later old friend, as good as you were here on earth you are so very much better with your savior

February 26 at 6:32 AM

DP

**David Pyle** posted:

Last time I saw Gary he was off to the military he always knew where he was going in his career and in his spiritual walk. As teenagers we would go running in the evenings, he was much faster than me and he would go slower so I could keep up, Gary and his family lived a few doors down from my parents, always really nice people, I am better for knowing him. Enjoy Heaven My Friend You Have Earned It.

February 26 at 5:12 AM

CM

**Chrissy Deroin Moore** posted:

I am so shocked and saddened to have learned of Gary's passing. I only saw him once since High School when he was on leave. He was such a great guy, kind, warm and funny. It touches my heart to read all the wonderful things about his faith, spirit, love of God, family and friends. It makes me smile to know he was still touching people, even in his passing, My thoughts and prayers to all his family and friends. I hope we will all see him again one day. Chrissy DeRoin

February 26 at 1:20 AM



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JG

**John Garcia** posted:

Gary showed incredible courage throughout this entire ordeal and yet somehow maintained his sense of humor. He would often come up with some of the cleverest jokes I've ever heard. Yet, Gary's faith was enormous, sometimes while trying to comfort him, I was the one who was ministered to. Even in his hour of pain, he continued to give and give. I was, am and forever will be grateful for Gary. I am a better person for having known him.

February 25 at 1:46 PM

SC

**Sara Kay Cargill** posted:

I am shaken to read of Gary's death. After reading the obituary and finding out what a fine person he became and how much good he did during his life I'm struck with the overwhelming thought that in his short lifetime he was and did more than many do in lifetimes twice as long. I know you were very proud of him and the path his life took. May God comfort you and help you through this most difficult time. Heaven is a better place to be and we'll all see Gary again when we get there. In the meantime let us learn from his courage and face each day with the optimism and faith that he demonstrated for us. You are in my prayers. Love, Sara Kay

February 25 at 12:41 PM

BM

**Bruce Morey** posted:

I will miss our talks always enjoyed our talks on the phone. He was always in a good mood and really believes god. I will miss him but never forget him..

February 25 at 10:28 AM

SB

**Shane Bishop** posted:

I am sorry to hear of your loss. My best to the Morey's

February 25 at 7:58 AM

MR

**Mildred And Sandra Roberts** posted:

Dear Maxine, Charles and family, Mother and I offer our condolences on the loss of Gary. You will be in our prayers. Love, Mildred and Sandra Roberts

February 25 at 6:06 AM



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RK

**Rhonda Kesterson** posted:

I have been pleasantly reminded of all Gary's wonderful attributes while reading these condolences. I was surprised to hear of Gary's diagnosis, but am not surprised at all of how he handled it. He was a man of strong faith and he wanted everyone he knew to be a believer too. When Darlene and I knew Gary, he was actively searching for his future wife. He couldn't wait to be married! Janis, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you, but I know without a doubt that Gary showered you with love and affection, that you were perfect for him and that he loved you with everything that he was. Please know that your family will be in my prayers...

February 25 at 4:06 AM

BC

**Brenda Crowell** posted:

Our lives are enriched by having known Gary. He was a unique individual who was very caring, loving, giving and had the heart of a child. We have many fond memories of him working with the puppet team and as a friend. He will be missed, but we know he is celebrating in heaven now and forever more.

February 24 at 4:49 PM

SB

**Sherri Barker** posted:

I never had the chance to meet Gary, but have had the honor to hear about his, his family, and his amazing life thru Julie for the past few years. I am so sorry for the family and send my love, my heart, and my strength to all who knew and loved him. Julie, I only had to see his photo for a split second to know you were his sister :) You are all in my thoughts. With much love, Sherri

February 24 at 3:43 PM

VL

**Vicki Lundy** posted:

Gary and his family are my heros. He will be missed by all who have had the pleasure of ever meeting him. ~With love, "Sister" Vicki

February 24 at 3:19 PM



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BT

**Barbara True** posted:

Gary was a man of incredible faith. I remember when he first heard of his diagnosis he remarked to me that God's ways are not our ways, and His thoughts not our thoughts. I'm not sure if I were walking through such a diagnosis I could do so with the amount of faith Gary demonstrated. He made the best of things and was always positive...when he wasn't able to drive anymore, he rode his bike everywhere or took the bus. Janis tells of him arriving at her job at TCU many miles away on Valentines Day with gifts for her! I'm encouraged to know that Gary is more alive now than he has ever been. The only thing that has died has been his physical body...and that is what all our bodies are designed to do eventually. It's hard to understand why God took Gary so young...but I know that right now Gary has the complete understanding of that, and is enjoying paradise as we can not even comprehend it to be. He was a man of faith and courage. An example to us all. We'll miss you Gary...but we know that our sorrow is replaced in that we will see you for all eternity. Barbara True

February 24 at 2:30 PM

AH

**Aaron & Dee Hoff** posted:

Our Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Hoff's

February 24 at 1:39 PM

MM

**Marguerite Munoz** posted:

May the Lord guide and give you strength during this time in your life. My prayers are with you.  
Marguerite Munoz

February 24 at 9:35 AM

VA

**Val And Shirley Anderson** posted:

We know Gary is finally resting in peace. His guardian Angel is with him. Our prayers are with his Family and Friends.

February 24 at 8:40 AM



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KM

**Keith Mayo** posted:

I worked with Gary while he was with KCBI. Like most who worked with him, we became friends. The Lord gave him such a terrific nature and attitude, and it was never more evident than during his battle with cancer. I am blessed to have known him and I am thankful that God allowed our paths to cross. I know Gary was looking forward to going to heaven, and there can be no doubt that heaven is where Gary has gone. Multitudes that no man can count are now being blessed by this newly arrived friend! Well done, good and faithful servant. I'll see you again one of these days. Keith Mayo, KCBI

February 24 at 8:34 AM

OA

**Olivia Amerson** posted:

Gary Morey was my hero. I'm not sure how I would handle a diagnosis of a terminal disease, but I would hope and pray that God would give me the grace and strength that Gary had to accept my fate. Gary was one of a kind. He was always happy and always remained positive. I worked with Gary at KCBI Radio. He would always have a big smile and wave for me through the glass between the lobby and on-air studio. Janis, I remember how much happiness you added to his life when you married. Please know that you and the entire family will be lifted up to the Lord in prayer for peace and comfort as you go through the grieving process. Gary will be missed here on earth. He made a difference. However, we praise God that he is no longer suffering and is now with his Lord and Savior. I have learned a great lesson from Gary's life and death. . .to always be ready for God to call us home. I love the Lord with all my heart and I know Gary did as well. Gary blessed my life. He is now home, in perfect health. Praise God!

February 24 at 8:18 AM

VC

**Vanessa Cervantes** posted:

My deepest sympathies and condolences to Janis, Gary's parents, and entire family. Gary will be very missed. He was always such a bright light in the family. Such a good heart backed up by action. He lived a wonderful example as a Godly man and I am grateful to have known him.

February 24 at 7:29 AM



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RH

**Ron Harris** posted:

Gary Morey was a class person and a great servant of God. I was glad I could call him "friend." He exemplified all you would want in a Christian servant...initiative, hard work, leadership, followship, integrity, humility...the list could go on and on. With all he accomplished in his short life, I believe his greatest work was in reflecting the nature of Christ while dealing with the tumors. He leaves a legacy and an example. He is now receiving his just rewards. Our prayers are with Janis and the family. I am thankful that Gary knew and served the God of all comfort. May He bring comfort to hurting hearts.  
Ron HarrisNational Religious Broadcasters

February 24 at 7:15 AM

RC

**Richard & Julie Combs** posted:

We are praying for all of you to receiveGod's special comfort. May His love surround you and strengthen you. Our Love, Richard & Julie Combs

February 24 at 6:36 AM

JM

**John Mclain** posted:

They say that when it's all said and done, it's the legacy you leave behind that really matters. Gary Morey was a man that exemplified the Christian life. Never in my career have I encountered such an honest, hard-working person. Gary was tireless in his efforts to uplift and encourage others, both before and after he got sick. I'll never forget the email I received the day his tumor was discovered. In the midst of tremendous shock and sorrow - and facing potentially fatal brain surgery - Gary simply told us that in a few hours he'll either see us again, or he'll see the face of Jesus. What a testimony his life was, and will continue to be. Most of all, I loved his sharp wit and sense of humor. Gary was a faithful employee who was as dependable as the sunrise. He touched countless lives as a broadcaster at KCBI, too. I'm a better man for knowing him. God bless you, Gary - I'll see you on the other side my friend!- John McLain - Production Director, KVTT Radio

February 24 at 6:11 AM

DC

**Dale And Janet Counce** posted:

Gary grew up in a family of Christian faith. He always made me laugh and he always had good remarks. I'll remember him in heart the nice phone call he made me and getting to see him last summer in Galvenston beach. He always smile and in a good mood. We will miss him. Now he is free of pain and will be in a beautiful place. His Uncle Dale and Aunt Janet will miss him.

February 24 at 6:09 AM



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LL

**L.B. Lyon** posted:

Gary had the most positive attitude of anyone I have met. Even in the face of adversity he had a positive attitude and knew that God was in control. His faith never wavered. I worked with him at KCBI radio and always admired his willingness to do whatever needed to be done. Last year I interviewed Gary for a "Faith Feature" story which to this day remains on the web page of the Faith Coaching Network ([www.faithteam.org](http://www.faithteam.org)). You can feel and experience Gary's positive attitude in that story. He taught me much about how to respond to adversity. When I think of Gary I think of the song "It is Well". He will be greatly missed. Gary...well done good and faithful servant. - L.B. Lyon, News Director, KVTT 1110 AM & KVTT.com, Dallas, TX

February 24 at 5:51 AM

NW

**Nancy Winsper** posted:

Gary was a wonderful man & I enjoyed working with him at KCBI. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know the Lord will comfort you at this sad time. He will be missed by all of us. Lovingly, Nancy Winsper

February 24 at 5:50 AM

JB

**John And Marilyn Brooks** posted:

Our memories of Gary go back to his birth and seeing him grow from a child to an adult. His eyes were always busy searching for a new discovery. He brought joy and excitement to every gathering. He chose his career and pursued it diligently. Our family feels blessed God chose to plant Gary in our midst.

February 24 at 5:14 AM

BR

**Betsy Robertson** posted:

To Janis and Gary's Family, Gary was an example of what the world needs more of. My sincere condolences go out to all of you. Gary will forever remain in my memories as a kind-hearted, smiling man that fought a hard battle with the utmost perseverance. May the Lord Bless you and keep you, Betsy Robertson

February 24 at 4:46 AM



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CS

**Colleen Smith** posted:

Though I have not seen Gary since he graduated PHS, I still have very fond memories of our time spent together in ROTC. It was by chance today that I saw his obituary. Gary was always the life of the crowd and a real entertainer back then! He, together with my brother-in-law Bobby Smith, entertained a bus full of us going to Paris Island, SC and then San Diego, CA. What a hoot! Morey Family, I am sorry for your loss. Funny how life separates us then brings us together again. Sincerely, Colleen (Blanchard) Smith, PHS class 1982

February 24 at 4:10 AM

CH

**Crystal & Larry Hostetter** posted:

I remain in awe of Gary's response to the most adverse of circumstances, and of how God sustained him. Gary set the example for how to live in light of eternity! When he called me several weeks ago to get the telephone numbers of family, he said "I'm not just going to call to be talking, I'm going to ask them if they are born again, too.!" The feedback from the family was so wonderful...I'm sure God had this one last task for him to accomplish, what a witness...to be pointing the way to God! You will be missed, Gary, but what an example you have left of how to live!

February 23 at 6:54 PM

SC

**Sue Childress** posted:

Over the past few days, the words that keep coming to my mind when I think about Gary Morey are "amazing grace." I've been thinking about the amazingly graceful way with which Gary accepted his diagnosis and lived out the final few months of his life and about the Lord's abundant grace living so obviously through Gary every step of the way. I feel so blessed that he was able to spend several days with us in Springfield, Illinois last fall and that I came to know things about him for the very first time: as someone else mentioned, he had an insatiable curiosity about the most mundane things -- from the worms that found their way into our pool every day to the sidewalk repairs and mine subsidence that were going on in our neighborhood. He wanted to continue learning every single day, and he was able to find joy in a simple bicycle ride or in the plainest of meals shared with family. One of his co-workers described Gary as "upbeat", the exact word I would use to describe his voice the last time I heard it, just a few short weeks ago. He was obviously ready to go be with his Lord but wanted to say good-bye to everyone he loved and to remind us all to keep the faith and to share God's love whenever and wherever we can. Although he would not want to be labeled this way, Gary will forever be an inspiration to me and to my children. We will miss him terribly but, even though it sounds cliché, he is in our hearts and will never be very far away. May the abundant love and grace of the Lord be with Gary's family.

February 23 at 5:50 PM



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TH

**Tana Bishop Haass** posted:

Morey Family, I am sad about the loss of Gary. He enjoyed life but loved God greater! I fondly remember Gary growing up, a proud, good looking Marine ROTC student, going to AF Academy and always ministering. Ironically, I saw a sailboat on Sunday and my thoughts recalled the Morey family and their sailboat. Now, I realize it was a heart tug from Gary while testing his angel wings! Tana Bishop Haass

February 23 at 5:27 PM

SA

**Susan Allen** posted:

Janis, I loved Gary for his strong opinions! I never had to wonder what he thought about anything because he would just tell me straight up. I loved his big, beautiful radio voice. I loved how he loved you so much. Most of all, though, I loved how he loved the Lord and how he devoted his life, especially the time following his diagnosis, to sharing the love of Jesus and serving others. He was a pure joy and an amazing inspiration. I offer my sincere sympathy to Gary's parents and sisters and to you and your family. With love and prayers, Susan Allen

February 23 at 4:59 PM

JM

**Jean Maza** posted:

Gary is one of the bravest men I've ever met. In the face of his serious illness, he was matter-of-fact and upbeat. He had an insatiable curiosity about life and an interesting sense of wonder and acceptance toward his impending death. Godspeed, Gary. (I know you've forgiven me for all the random animal noises I made in that cube next to you at Methodist!!)

February 23 at 3:49 PM

JK

**Jane And Dale Kucko** posted:

Dear Janis, We only met Gary once (at Bonnie's house) and yet Dale & I both commented on his wonderful and spirited personality. There was such a warmth about him. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Fondly, Jane and Dale Kucko

February 23 at 3:19 PM



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CM

**Cari Mccord** posted:

What a wonderful person, great sense of humor but most of all what an amazing faith Gary had. We could all learn from him, we will miss you but know you are now at peace. Love, Cari, Brian, Owen and Isabella Mccord

February 23 at 3:11 PM

CO

**Carlos Ontiveros** posted:

Janis, at thid time I share your loss. My heart and prayers go out to you and the entire Morey family. God Bless.

February 23 at 2:46 PM

SL

**Seth, Elizabeth, Caleb, & Cameron Lewis** posted:

Although we can't be there, we will deeply miss you. Although you are gone, you will never be forgotten. Our prayers & sympathy are with the entire family.

February 23 at 1:58 PM

DK

**Darlene Kilburn** posted:

Glenda and Family, I am so shocked and sad to hear about Gary's passing!! I thought the world of him and think often of our fun days at 2nd Baptist. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Darlene

February 23 at 12:54 PM

TJ

**T. Jerry Cashion & The Staff Of San Jacinto** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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