Memories

Honorary Pallbearers

Jordan Vernon
Stan Hollingsworth
Gerald Green

Dr. Brian C. Gary
Lester O’Brien, Jr.
Proven Tucker
Rodney Ratliff
Arnold Gary

Pallbearers

Gregg Watson
Billy Davenport
Keith Thomas
Charlies Slupski
Darren Mott
Steward Litman
Lide Thompson
Darryl Starks

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

A Tribute

Is There Ever A Right Time, a letter to my Daddy
Is there ever a right time to say goodbye?
Minutes, hours, years, moments, seem to pass in a blink of an eye
God knows best and I can see how he wants you near
You instilled in me your will to fight so life moving forward I will not fear
To cherish our moments and have them to savor
To have experienced and known you here on earth it was nothing short of God’s favor
There is peace and comfort knowing you’ve gained your wings leaving my heart full
Having you was a privilege but to call you dad, God I will forever be grateful
Many lessons in life you taught me…never give up, never quit, keep my head held high...
Work hard, be true to yourself and your limit will exceed the sky
To watch you navigate and over come your share of obstacles
Showing me the perfect example of how to embrace and fight when life gives you troubles
Daddy there’s so much I want you to know, just one more time to tell what you mean and how I
Don’t want you to go
I know you’d tell me life goes on and there’s so much more for me to learn and to grow
I trust that God knows best so I won’t question
For a beginning and an end is what we are all destined
So Is there ever a right time to say goodbye...
I love you Daddy, so it’s not goodbye just you looking down on me from heaven in the sky.
-Whiffley

Services Entrusted To:

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Garners Ferry Road
Hopkin, SC 29061
(803) 776-6822
Rev. Ronald A. Williams, Jr.
- General Manager-

Reverend Chris Levy Johnson
- Campus Pastor-

Reverend Ronald I. Best
- Officiant-

Saturday, December 8, 2018
1:00 p.m.
Brookland Baptist Church, Northeast
1203 Summit Parkway
Columbia, South Carolina
Obituary

of

Mr. William Bernard Gary, Jr.

September 24, 1961

December 2, 2018

Mr. William “Bill” Bernard Gary, Jr. was born in Montgomery, Alabama on September 24, 1961, to the late William Bernard Gary, Sr. and Virginia Shaw Gary.

Bill received his secondary education in the Montgomery County Public School system. He graduated from Sidney Lanier High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Alabama and a Master of Science Degree in Psychology from Jacksonville State University. Unbeknownst to some, Bill was an All-American wide receiver in high school. As a teenager, he was recruited to play football for the University of Alabama by the legendary coach Paul “Bear” Bryant. An accident changed those plans. Quitting wasn’t an option for Bill, always leaning on two important principles his father taught him early on in life; hard work, and perseverance. Everyone who knew him knows that he was an avid, lifelong Alabama football fan. Roll Tide!!

Bill was a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated through the Eta Chi Chapter at the University of Alabama. He remained an active and dedicated member.

Bill’s professional career began as a Polygraph Examiner in 1984 with Argembright Polygraph Incorporated. In 1991, he began working for the United States Department of Defense, holding various titles and positions which included: Investigator, Instructor, and Investigative Program Specialist. From 2000 until his passing, Bill was employed with the Credibility Assessment Division (CAD), Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), and the U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Bill’s expertise afforded him the opportunity to speak at national and regional seminars and conferences. His impact to the polygraph profession is present today at the federal, state, and local levels in the countless examiners who were developed under his leadership, guidance as an instructor, mentor, and coach. He was also a published investigator with several articles related to his profession.

Bill served as Vice-President, Government, for the American Polygraph Association (APA) from 2011-2012.

At an early age, Bill gave his life to Christ at his home church, Dexter Ave King Memorial Baptist Church, in Montgomery, Alabama. At the time of his passing he was an active member of Brookland Baptist Church, Northeast in Columbia, South Carolina.

Bill developed a love for speed at an early age. He got his first set of wheels at age 10, a motorcycle. He would roam the neighborhood with his baby brother in tow. As he grew older, his love affair and need for speed grew as well. He was a collector of classic cars, Mustangs in particular. In addition to his love for speed and cars, Bill was an avid Billiards player, often being referred to as a pool shark.

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, our Father called His servant home. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Virginia and William B. Gary, Sr.

Mr. William “Bill” Bernard Gary, Jr. leaves to cherish his loving memory: a devoted wife, Tanya Gary, of Ridgeway, SC; daughter, Whitley Jane’ Handy, of Raleigh, NC; son, Jordan Vernon, of Columbia, SC; brother, Dr. Brian C. (Helen) Gary, of Montgomery, AL; two fur babies, Sassy and Royce: grandson, Hampton Anthony Vernon; niece and nephew, Claire and Brian “Deuce” Jr.; godchildren, Ashley Glasco, Dari Khan, Claire Gary, Emily Gladney, Taylor Schwartz, and Isaiah Johnson; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

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Order of Service

Musical Prelude ................................................................. Musicians
Processional ............................................................... Clergy, Family and Friends
Viewing ........................................................................... Funeral Directors
Opening Selection ............... Brookland Baptist Church, Northeast Choir
Scripture Readings
Old Testament - 23 Psalm...........................Elder Alvah Lawson
Prayer of Comfort.............................. Reverend Lester O’Brien, Jr.
Solo............................ “His Eyes Is On The Sparrow” ....Ms. Tenika Sweat
Reflections.......................... Mr. John Schwartz - Colleague & Mentor
Mr. David Glasco - Best Friend
Ms. Jeannette Johnson – Family Friend
Mr. Ned Whiting - Colleague & Friend
Mr. Otha Dillahay - Fraternity Brother
Mrs. Paulette Mostiller-Fredrick - Cousin
Acknowledgements .......................................................... Ms. Debbie Addison
Solo............................ “Home Going” .......................... Ms. Sandra Starks
Words of Comfort ......................... Reverend Ron I. Best
Selection........................................ Brookland Baptist Church, Northeast Choir
Committal and Benediction
Recessional

Acknowledgement

To those of you who have reached out to us in love, comforting phone calls, text messages, floral tributes, prayers, or any other expression of support, we say... Thank You! It is our prayer that you are richly blessed for the outpouring of love shared with us. A special thank you to everyone who participated in this service. We would like to also acknowledge the love and never-ending support to all of our extended families. Please continue to pray for us as we are praying for you.

Blessings and Peace,
The Gary Family
“Let Every Ending Be a New Beginning”