



# Gary Wayne Beard

May 17, 1960 - August 27, 2010

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Ray, I just noticed your entry and I thank you very much for it. That was very sweet of you. And AD for you and your 5 children I wish you a relationship just like me and Daddys. Gary was everything to me and losing him is still the hardest thing I have ever dealt with. He was an amazing man and an ever better father to my brother and I. I really appreciate the things you said in your entry. They made me feel very good and content. It has been almost 3 years without him and at times I wonder how in the world I have made it this far without him and then I get this feeling and realize that my dad and the Lord as well have been with me the whole time. God bless you and your family and loved ones. Cherish every moment you have with your children and let them know how much you love them and know that they love you more than anything in this world. You are and always will be their hero. You never know when will be the last time you see or speak to them. Cherish even the smallest things. :) thank you again and I hope all is well.

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**Tiffany Brumfield** - February 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

“ Note: I dont know who this "private entry" will go to but please forward this to Tiffany.

*Tiffany,*

*I have not met you before but wanted you to know that I was at the island this weekend and saw the memorial to your father. I was curious so I looked it up online and found this page. I wanted you to know that the memorial is there and is in good shape. As a father of 5 children, i was touched by your entry to your father. It was obvious that you and he had a very special relationship. In today's world of broken and dysfunctional relationships there are not many people that have experienced the type of closeness that you have with your father. Reading your guestbook made me think about how short and precious life really is. The bible says that it is a vapor that appears for a little while than vanishes away. I guess that is why we need to treat each day as a gift and make the most of each one we are given. I have not experienced what it is like to loose my father so I am not even "qualified" to write this email but read about a book called "Heaven is Real" by Todd Burpo that has helped many people who have lost loved ones. Sorry this is so long but i feel i need to mention one last thing. In the note to your dad you asked the question, who can you talk to and who will be there for you? No one will be able to replace your father but the bible does say that when we commit our lives to God he gives us His spirit that will live inside us and it cries out "Abba Father" which means Daddy. So i encourage you to daily pour out your heart to God and you will find strength and comfort from your heavenly Father who loves you more than you can imagine and is SO proud of you. He promises to "be a father to the fatherless". I pray that your life will be like the foot prints in the sand story where the guy looks back on his life and sees that God has carried him through the most difficult times of his life. God Bless You!*

**Ray Gilbarte** - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I am so glad to know that the memorial picture put up of my daddy was still there. We did that this summer because that was his favorite Island. He and I camped there a lot. ALmost all summer every summer. THank you for your sympathy and I am very glad that you liked our memorial. I hope you enjoyed that island as much as he and I did.

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**Tiffany Brumfield** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Our family visited Lucky Island on August 26, 2011. We saw your memorial and photo. We were touched. A year has passed since your tragic loss. HEope time has helped you heal. So sorry for your loss. God Bless each of you.

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**Visitor to Smith Mountain Lake** - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Melissa, Tiffany, Andy, & Gary's family, I am so sorry for your loss of Gary! I know how hard this can be but he will always be with you and watch over you. I will never say it gets easier with time you just learn to deal with the pain. I love you all and if you need anything please call me. Gary was a good man and a Great daddy! He will be missed by all! Love you guys R.I.P. Gary Wayne Beard

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**Janet Fielder** - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ QARY WE WILL MISS YOU FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES WE LOVED YOU SO MUCH YOU WERE THE GREATEST YOU ALWAYS TOLD BERNIE HE WAS YOUR ONE TRUE FRIEND AND HE FEELS THE SAME FOR YOU BERNIE SAYS GOODBYE AND HE LOVES YOU SO DO I SAVE A PLACE IN HEAVEN FOR US RIGHT NEXT TO YOU GOODBYE OUR FRIEND WE WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU OUR PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY FOR YOUR LOSS

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**BERNIE&CHARLENEGUZMAN** - September 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Good bye dad, i never called you it before but you are my dad! You lived a great fulfilled life. You were the man no man had to be but you done it. I love you, i hope you knew this. I was very grateful for everything you done for me and my family! I will never forget you and you have taught me so many things the main one was to be a man! Thank you for that! I proud to call myself your son!! you will be dearly missed!!!

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**joseph wertz** - September 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ i forgot to light the candle. I love you gary you will always be missed.

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JW

“ Gary Wayne Beard

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**joseph wertz** - September 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to everyone who loved this man. I did not have the pleasure of meeting him but have heard wonderful things about him. May he rest in Peace, and may all the family and loved ones he left behind find comfort in knowing he is with his Savior and one day you will be rejoined.

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**Debbie Thompson-Clements** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VO

“ gary i know we had words but you was always there for tiffany .and i thank you so much for thar.and i do miss you alot rest in peace.

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**valarie owens** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ You were a good friend and will be missed.

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**Randy and Teresa Owens** - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I MISS YOU MORE TODAY THEN BEFORE. I HURT MORE TODAY, EVERYONE SAYS IT EASES WITH TIME BUT IT SEEMS TO BE GETTING HARDER. I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO MUCH. WE WENT TO THE ISLAND YESTERDAY AND PLANTED A PLANT FOR YOU AND HAD A SMALL MEMORIAL AND THEN TIFF AND I WENT TO DAVIDS AND WATCHED THE MOVIE WE MADE FOR YOU AND CRIED THEN PLAYED ALOT OF SONGS YOU LIKED AND DANCED AND HAD A GREAT TIME. WE MISS YOU SOO MUCH. I LOVE YOU GARY.

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**MELISSA OWENS** - September 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“Daddy, I miss you more than you could ever dream up. Words will never be able to express how much I miss you. You were so very vital to me and I never told you that. I love you daddy and I wish I would have told you that the last few moments that we had together. We spent so much time together dad, I spent every minute of my free time with you... and now... I'm spending it alone, crying over how much I miss you and want you to come back to me. One thing that I know is that you loved me so very very much. SOMETIMES I can feel you with me. I'm not just saying that either. I will NEVER forget all the times that we had, whether they be good, or bad. Summer without you... just the thought of that hurts, and I am scared to death to face that reality next year. YOU are my dad. I was closest with you. I'm not really close to anyone anymore. My heart aches at the silence of you not being around, at the reality of never seeing your face again, at the reality of never being able to hug you anymore, at the fun times that we will no longer have. You were a great man daddy. There was never a time that I could not count on you. I love you more than you or anyone could ever know. Now that you're gone I don't have a daddy anymore... I can't introduce you to people with a huge smile on my face and say "This, is my daddy." I will always and forever be your daddy's little girl. YOU taught me to be strong, and that's what I am trying so hard to do... without you... I just have no clue what to do. You were supposed to be there when I graduate high school, when I graduate college, when I get married, when I have kids... you were supposed to be there for everything. What happens when I get my heart broken? YOU won't be there for a shoulder for me to cry on, and you won't be there to go beat them up :) You were so very important to me and you will FOREVER be in my heart. I love you daddy -your daughter Tiffany Beard

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Tiffany Brumfield - September 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Kim and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Gary. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God give you comfort and peace. He will always be special in my heart.

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**Dale Saunders Francisco** - September 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Kim, I am so sorry...

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family..*

*Take care of your mom.*

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**Florence & Roger Boswell** - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Gary you will be missed greatly. There are no words to describe the shock and sadness of this news. We will remember your laughter and your love for your dogs. May you rest in peace my friend.

*Luane & Jerry Joyce*

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**Jerry & Luane Joyce** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Cristal, I know you don't remember me, my husband and I used to be best of friends with your parents when you were a baby, and darling baby you were, we have a daughter 2 years younger than you and your parents were there for us every minute of my pregnancy and birth which was wonderful as we had very little family support, we lost contact with them when they moved from Smith Mtn Lake back to Halifax in the 80's and your dad and my husband happened upon each other years later on a job back at the lake, at that time they again rekindled their friendship and have spent some time together in recent years. We are so sorry for your loss and we shocked of the news, your father loved you with all of his heart always, he adored you when you were a beautiful blonde headed toddler, and spoke proudly and often of you in later years, he was such a jolly person and so fun to be around he always had a smile and a laugh, I am so glad to find you on facebook, congrats on your children, and again we are deeply sorry for the loss of your father.

*Johnny & Carol Craighead*

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**Johnny & Carol Craighead** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“May God be with you in this most difficult time. Praying for you all that you will find some peace and comfort.

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**Lisa Marsh** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. You all are in my prayers.

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**Betty Nichols Wilborn** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jeff has wonderful memories of the days gone by of him and Gary romping thru the woods and sleigh riding. If there's anything we can do please let us know.

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**Jeff and Rita Garber** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I sit here feeling helpless thinking about my Cousin Melissa loosing her everything in a single moment ? I ask all of you to just take a second send a prayer out to her and their family ? then take a minute and Thank God for your Blessings ? remembering it could all be gone in a BLINK ? sad but to TRUE ? Gary Wayne Beard R.I.P.

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**tanya santana** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow. Please get in touch with us if there is anything we can do.

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**Herbert & Bonnie Comer** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Melissa, Andy and Tiffany: It breaks my heart to know that Gary is gone. I want you to know that my heart has been with you through this time. Im glad I had the opportunity to go to the Island that Gary loved with him and Melissa this summer. Im so sorry for your loss. I know it was a big loss for you. Keep your head up because he will always be in your heart. The memories you have of Gary will always be with you. Keep them close to your heart forever.*

*Thank you Gary for being such a great dad to my niece and nephew and always being there for my sister. She loved you very much. The kids thought you were the greatest. You were a great friend and you will truly be missed. We love you, May you rest in peace. Love, Marcella and Daisy*

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**Marcella Owens and Daisy** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I just wanted yall to know that I thought the world of Gary, you used to be so close, I remember the goods time we had from the pony's to dirtbike and everything in between. He will 4vever be in my heart*

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**Barbara Farmer** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Gary was a special person and would do anything for anyone. He will be missed.*

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**Lucas Bauer** - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Gary - to a wonderful and talented friend of whom we will always hold fond memories. From camping, sleeping in the hammock to remodeling our kitchen - your friendship will forever be treasured. Go fly high...if we don't get to say a final goodbye tomorrow we will see you hereafter. God Bless Cheyene!

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**Matt and Kim Dix** - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was one of the good guys. May he find comfort in the arms of angels. He will be missed. God Bless

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**Sharon Sapp** - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Gary was a great friend and employee! He will be greatly missed!

*May GOD bless you & keep you in his comfort!*

*JC & Michelle Corvin*

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**James & Michelle Corvin** - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Gary, you have been my Best Friend for over 25 years. I loved you then and I love you now and will forever. There is no person on this earth that God created better than you, and I will miss you with my whole heart and soul. Rest in Peace my friend. Love, Donna

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**Donna Amos** - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss you are in my prayers my God be with you

Penny Baylous Hudson - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ I'm so sorry for your lost, may Gary rest in peace.

Helen WhiteCheese Simmons - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I was saddened to hear of Gary's passing. Sincerest condolences to the entire family. God bless you at this time of sorrow.

Susan Church Hodges - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ i love you

CRISTAL PHELPS - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ So very sorry about ur lose Kim! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of need! God Bless u hun!! If you need anything let me know!! He is in peace now and in God's hand and not in pain no more!

Lisa Ennemoser - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I just want to thank everyone for the phone calls, visits, the covered dishes and utensils, the encouraging words of comfort but most and foremost the prayers. Gary made a profession of faith at the age of 14. He truly Loved God. I know through the years my brother backslide but he was a great brother; my only brother. We all have had disagreements with ours siblings; OK fights, but that's a part of growing up and you get over it. From the mud pies to the mud fights I would not trade one minute. Thank you God! I am truly worried about my mom. 35 years ago I lost my oldest brother Danny and my uncle Mack Beard in a wreck. Dec. 10 2009 I lost my father. Gary had not been feeling well for some time but refused medical attention. He was a little stubborn. Just a little. He loved life, boating, his dogs and being on, what I called his Island and yes his close friends and family. God makes no mistakes. We may not understand but if you believe in God with ALL thine heart; you will one day. Gary and I had watch two people very close to our heart slowly lose their battle with cancer and believe me when I tell you there are worse things in life than dying. If you have been born again you DO NOT die you just go to sleep. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Prov. 3:5-6) Gary did not suffer and he is in no pain and I know I will be with him again. Will you?

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**Kimberly Sue Beard Comer** - August 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I REALLY DONT KNOW WHAT TO SAY,I AM VERY LOST OF WORDS AS I SIT & THINK ABOUT YOU BEING GONE.. I KNOW MY SISTER MELISSA WAS VERY MUCH IN LOVE WITH YOU & THAT TIFFANY & ANDY THOUGHT THE WORLD OF YOU, YOU & TIFF HAD A SPECIAL BOND, I THANK YOU FOR TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF THEM.. YOU ARE THEIR TRUE DAD.. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.. 16 YEARS WORTH OF MEMORIES..

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**MONICA O. WILSON** - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ I was a friend of Danny's many years ago (he and I started elementary school together) and often played with him and Gary when the family lived on Mountain Road. My thoughts and prayers are with the Beard family.

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**Nancy Andrews Pappenhagen** - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ SO SORRY TO HERE ABOUT YOU SON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS MAY GOD HOLD YOU IN IS CAREING ARMS AND GIVE YOU PEACE

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**BILLIE jean Baylous** - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful person. I did not ever the privilage ve been of meeting Gary but I do know that my Girlfriend Melissa Ownes and her children loved him to pieces so he must have great. Again I am sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace and may you be in Gods prayers knowing that your loved one is walking the golden streets with my son AJ as we greif . Go in gods love.

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**Debbie Thompson-Clements** - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I WILL MISS YOU GREATLY...CAN'T IMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT YOU. YOU WERE MY HEART AND SOUL. WITHOUT YOU MY LIFE IS INCOMPLETE. I LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW.

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**Melissa Owens Brumfield** - August 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM