



Gary Edward Crain

September 28, 1946 - September 19, 2025

Gary Edward Crain, 78, of Hot Springs Village, passed away on September 19, 2025, at CHI St. Vincent Hospital in Hot Springs. He was born on September 28, 1946, in Searcy, Arkansas, to the late Avie and Kate (Butler) Crain.

Gary will be remembered for his joyful spirit, his humor, and the way he touched the lives of everyone he met. For eight and a half years, he and his beloved wife, Patricia, delighted audiences with their “Gomer & Patsy Show,” where Gary shined as a Gomer Pyle impersonator. Their travels took them to Texas, Arizona, Mississippi, and throughout the Southwest, sharing laughter and light wherever they went. Whether performing at churches or nursing homes, Gary’s heart for people was always evident—he truly never met a stranger and had a gift for bringing a smile to anyone’s face. In addition to the “Gomer & Patsy Show” he also entertained for snowbirds throughout the south. Above all, Gary loved his family deeply and will be forever cherished for the love, laughter, and kindness he shared so freely.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 58 years, Patricia (Williams) Crain; children, Grayson (Sylvia) Crain, Shay (Rusty) Daniel, and Matthew Crain; grandchildren, Brianna (Eric) Ledé, Alyssa Crain, Nicholas Longoria, Deacon Bernal, and Maiya Bernal; great grandchildren, Autumn Ledé, and Alayah Ledé; sister, Marilyn (Jimmy) Norris; and brother, Brad (Jackie) Crain.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Danny Crain; and two nephews, Jacob Crain and Jeff Norris.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mafubira United AIDS Ministries at <https://mafubiraunitedaidsministries.org/donate/>

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm, at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 2:00pm, at Powell Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Center Hill Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Center Hill Baptist

Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
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Funeral Service

SEP **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Edward Crain*



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 25, 2025 at 09:59 AM



So sorry to hear of Gary's passing! He was truly a Godly man as well as a talented entertainer and overall nice guy! 🙏

Robert Jopson - September 25, 2025 at 10:45 AM

PD

So sorry to hear 🙏

Patsy Duffield - September 25, 2025 at 11:43 AM

AD

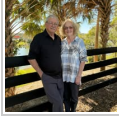
My heart breaks know you have left my dear sweet cousin. But knowing you're with Jesus and the rest of the family is comforting. Till we meet again!@ Ill be praying for your family, love ya cuz! Avalee DeVries

Avalee DeVries - September 25, 2025 at 03:29 PM



Precious Crain family, I want you to know what an impact Gary made on me. I met him in July at Household of Faith church and he welcomed me with so much kindness and enthusiasm. He is one of the sweetest people I have ever met. I loved him dearly even though I only knew him for a short time. Praying for God's peace to be upon your family in this difficult time. 💜

Heather Coffey - September 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM



Our hearts are so sad to hear of Gary's passing. He will be forever remembered for the joy , friendship, and blessings he brought to so many of us. Praying for your family. Love to you all. Kay Yarbrough Fry

Kay Fry - September 26, 2025 at 04:39 PM

AV

“ *Our deepest condolences to Tresa and his whole family. It was great knowing Gary. He was quite the comedian and a good friend to all. Rest in peace sir.*

*Sincerely,
The Vallejo Family
San Benito Texas*

Agueda Vallejo - September 29, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Edward Crain.*



September 26, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Edward Crain.*

September 26, 2025 at 09:40 AM

KF

“ *Katie Wilson-Household of Faith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Edward Crain.*



Katie Wilson-Household of Faith - September 25, 2025 at 06:28 PM

WL

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of our wonderful Cousin Gary. Wish we could be there at this time. Sending our Love, Walter "Butch" & Brenda Long*

Walter Long - September 25, 2025 at 11:15 AM

NJ

“ *Last year, 2024, a year after I had met Gary at church, I was travelling back to the US from Australia and I spoke to Gary on the phone and asked if he and Tresa would mind letting me stay with them to save some money on accommodation. They graciously agreed and allowed me to stay a few days with them. I hold precious memories of that stay, especially of sitting around their table in the end of their kitchen just spending time together and talking. I also made an Australian dessert called Pavlova which Gary loved. I will miss you my friend. I love you.*

Nigel Julier - September 25, 2025 at 02:53 AM

LR

I spent a year getting to know Gary and Tresa through amazing bible study and fellowship in Little Rock. Gary had an amazing talent and a heart for Jesus sharing him with everyone he met. Tresa I'm so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace healing and comfort in this difficult time. I love you. Laura Ramoly

laura ramoly - September 25, 2025 at 06:22 AM

AH

i met Gary through my friend Amy. She had invited me up to attend church with her and Gary was doing a show in Hot Springs Village that weekend and we went. And even though there was technical difficulties they night Gary preston, and was hilarious, more impressions than Gomer, but Elvis and former President Clinton. It was a great night. And i was blessed to meet him that night as well as spend the next day worshipping our lord and savior together Rest in peace, Mr. Crain. Your humor will be missed. Ms. Tresa, you and your family are in our prayers.

Amanda Hicks - September 25, 2025 at 07:12 AM

CF

“ Chris & Jennifer Crain Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gary Edward Crain.



Chris & Jennifer Crain Family - September 24, 2025 at 06:53 PM

CF

“ Chris & Jennifer Crain Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Edward Crain.

Chris & Jennifer Crain Family - September 24, 2025 at 06:53 PM

KT

“ I know it's hard for the family to believe this has happened to their family. I certainly understand the meaning of loss. Gary played such a big part of my life at Camp Formosa. His laughter and the love that he always showed us kids. May God give your family a special comfort as you travel this new journey in your lives.

Grace & Peace,
Kimberly (Clark/Fenley) Trice

Kimberly Trice - September 23, 2025 at 08:10 PM

JS

“ We were so saddened to hear about our friend and class mate. There is so many wonderful memories we have. We are praying for his family and friends. Gary never met a stranger and everyone loved him. He brought so much joy and happiness to everyone he met. May God Bless his family and help them through this difficult time John and Lynda Bailey class of 1964 and 1965 of Searcy High School



John and Lynda Bailey Searcy - September 23, 2025 at 04:10 PM

S(

“ Teresa, Shay, and family...I am so saddened to hear of Gary's passing! I have SO MANY wonderful memories of Gary, cutting up with us, singing, and worshipping! On our mission trip to Jamaica, he was right there with us kids, goofing around on our breaks! He made me feel more at ease being that far from home without my parents. He was a huge blessing to me, personally, as I know he was to so many others. He always made me feel like I was one of his kids! He will be greatly missed!! Love to you, Shay!! Miss your wonderful laugh!

Shelly Denney (Dunn) - September 23, 2025 at 02:53 PM

WW

“ Teresa, I was so saddened to hear of Gary's passing. I have so many fond memories of our times together during our younger years, and Gary was a part of that. He was such a great guy and was always reaching out to others in so many ways. He was friendly and outgoing and ususally had us laughing as he shared with us. I am sorry that the miles have separated us in recent years, but I have thought of you both even though we could not be together. Teresa, I am sure this is the most time difficult time you have faced. But I also know you find comfort knowing that Gary was welcomed into his forever home by our Lord and is at peace. Our prayers are with you. It would great to visit with you next time we are in Searcy. Sending my love, Wanda Wood

Wanda Wood - September 23, 2025 at 11:08 AM

MC

“ I have known and loved this family for many years. Gary loved Jesus and openly shared his faith. My love and prayers go out to this precious family.
Love,
Melanie Curry

Melanie Curry - September 23, 2025 at 09:18 AM