



Gary Bergholtz Sr

December 11, 2020

Gary Lynn Bergholtz, Sr., loving husband and father, passed away Friday, December 11, 2020, at age 68 with his family by his side. He fought a heroic fight. Gary was born June 21, 1952 in St. Louis, Missouri to Rosemarie and Robert Bergholtz.

Gary is preceded in death by his father, Robert Bergholtz; grandson, Matthew Martin and by his wife of 47 years, Maribeth Bergholtz. He is survived by his loving wife, Belinda Bradberry; and his five adoring children with Maribeth: Stephanie Martin, Bridget Todd, Gary L. Jr., Eric and Michael Bergholtz; and step-son Joshua Merryman.

He is also survived by his mother, Rosemarie Bergholtz; brother Robert and Richard Bergholtz; sisters Cheryl Nienas, Debbie Carmody, Rosemarie Zinser, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary also leaves his 10 beautiful grandchildren who were the joy and light of his life; Declan, Kate, Michael, Jonathan, Gary III, Lorin, Isabelle, Karoline, Sophia and Quinn.

When God made Gary, he certainly broke the mold. He was a 'one of a kind,' larger than life and charismatic husband and father, known for his entertaining stories, quips and engaging smile. He appeared to be tough as nails on the

exterior, but was a kind and generous individual, especially when it came to complete strangers or his grandkids, whom he loved dearly.

Gary loved life! Classic Rock and Roll albums, sports (and the Redskins) and slot machines. Gary never shied away from a challenge. They said he couldn't be a firefighter...they were wrong, even becoming Chief Bergholtz, following his sons into the volunteer firefighter world. When not known as "Chief", he was fondly known as "Senior", both for his age and being namesake to his son, Gary, Jr.

A Funeral Mass will be held January 11, 2021 at 11 o'clock in the morning at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, located 11507 Huffmeister Road, Houston, TX 77065. Social distancing protocols will be in place. All attendees must wear masks for the entirety of the service. Please note that during these unprecedented times, regulations can change quickly, so we will provide an update in early January should the protocols change.

The family wishes to thank all of the individuals who had a hand in Gary's care and treatment over the past eight months, including the staff at MD Anderson, the wonderful Nurses and Nurses' Aides at Vantage Hospice, Dr. William K. Decker with Baylor College of Medicine, Jere Galloway Jr., and for the outpouring of support from family and friends with cheerful visits and delicious meals to sustain Gary's spirits.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, that donations be made in Gary's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ~ select "Dedicate my Donation". www.st.jude.org/donate. Cards may be addressed to "Family of Gary Bergholtz Sr., 15934 Cutten Rd, Houston TX 77070."

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ My deepest sympathy to you Debbie for the loss of your beloved brother. I'm keeping you and all of your wonderful family in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Diane

Diane M Hancock - January 10, 2021 at 06:44 PM

DN

“ What an awesome man and family. I had the pleasure of working with Gary through business and always remember him as being kind, honest and straightforward. He told many funny stories of his travels and adventures. My heart breaks for all of you. May he rest in peace and know that he loved his family. The world has lost an incredible human. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Debra Nahinu - January 08, 2021 at 05:07 PM

EB

“ Gary was one of the most special people anyone could ever know. Beginning with the dinner Belinda coordinated so you and I could meet in Nov 2019 (she really wanted to show you off as she so very proud of her man), we became instant friends. Your humorous personality and great stories captivated me. Our friendship grew deeper than I could have ever imagined over the next 12 months. I was so touched by you saying you loved me like family. A gem of a man that I will truly miss.

To Belinda and Gary's entire family, my heart is heavy for your loss and I offer my prayers for comfort. The time you all had with him will be precious memories as long as you live.

Liz



Elizabeth Broussard - January 04, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Words cannot express how deeply sad I am for Gary's entire family - for his devoted and loving wife Belinda who cared for him so gracefully and kindly throughout his extended illness, for his loving children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and friends who were like family.

Gary was a one of a kind person whom I was blessed to know and call friend, and he will be missed so much. He was one of the funniest people I ever met and was equally kind and generous - always there to listen or help someone in need. I will miss his quick wit and supreme command of Classic Rock lyrics!

May God bless and comfort all who are suffering as a result of his loss. Rest in peace Gar Bear - Danny and I love you and will miss you!

-Sharon Barclay and Danny Zirilli

Sharon Barclay - January 02, 2021 at 09:18 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Gary Bergholtz Family video



Belinda Bradberry - January 02, 2021 at 08:32 PM