



Gary Lee Robinson

January 31, 1953 - March 16, 2024

Gary Lee Robinson, 71 died on Saturday March 16, 2024 in Anderson, Indiana. He was born on January 31, 1953 in Anderson, Indiana. Gary was the son of Norman Lee Robinson and Gloria Jane Carper.

He is survived by his children Stephanie (Mark) Miller, April Adams, Matthew (Kristina) Robinson, Tara (Jacob) Martin, Marcus (Emily) Robinson, and Jena (Gannon) Ellett. He is survived by his grandchildren Trystan Adams, Jesse Miller, Jack Adams, Harper Adams, Audra Martin, Nora Robinson, Bryden Ellett, Lucy Robinson, Landon Ellett, Waylon Martin, Eliza Martin, Torin Robinson, Ada Robinson, and Maeve Robinson. He is survived by his siblings Cathy (Michael) Boyd, Diana (Terry) Brantlinger, Tony Lemon, and Penny Lemon. Gary is survived by former spouses Dawn Clendenen Robinson and Kathy Bailey Robinson.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Ronald Robinson and Kenneth Robinson.

As a kid Gary loved to play baseball. In 1966 his Little League team played in a televised Championship game. As he got older the love for basketball grew and everyone wanted Gary on their team. He made his rounds on many Church basketball teams. He stood on a chair and staged a photo of himself making it look like he was dunking and teased people with it for years.

Gary graduated Pendleton Heights High School in 1971. It is in Pendleton, Indiana where he and Dawn welcomed daughters Stephanie and April.

Gary served in the United States Air Force from November 1976-September 1982. He served as Inventory Management Supervisor, SSGT. His first assignment was Patrick AFB, Florida. From there he went to Eglin AFB, Florida. He received the following awards during his time with the Air Force; Outstanding Unit Award, Organizational Excellence Award, Good Conduct Medal, Longevity Service Award Ribbon and Training Ribbon.

While still enlisted at Eglin AFB Gary pursued his Bachelor's degree remotely at Troy State University of Alabama. His knowledge level was such that when taking his college prep exams he was able to opt out of two full years of college courses. Upon discharge from the military, he pursued his degree full time and finished his Bachelor's degree in Business in May of 1984.

From Eglin AFB Gary and his wife Kathy traveled with their son Matthew to Kathy's next assignment at Incirlik AFB, Turkey in June of 1984. Gary then traveled to Germany to begin a career with Encyclopedia Britannica. During their time in Turkey Gary and Kathy traveled to Germany for vacation visiting the Alps, many chapels, and enjoyed wonderful food. They explored Turkey's mosques and ruins, learning all about the history of the area. They had many special memories on the beautiful beaches there, and collected little treasures but their best souvenir was their daughter Tara who was born on base in Turkey.

When Kathy's assignment changed to Chanute AFB, Illinois in June of 1986 Gary was able to bring his career with Britannica stateside. He went back overseas several times to work with them. When they welcomed twins Marcus and Jena to the family Gary became a full time stay at home Dad. After all of

his kids were school age, he went back into Sales.

He loved camping, hiking, fishing, stargazing, bonfires, s'mores, ghost stories, playing cards, pushing kids on swings, grilling, gardening, capturing pictures and videos, baseball, basketball, working out to Billy Idol, reading his kids stories, playing basketball with his kids, seafood nachos, making sure his hair was just right, ironing his clothes, ping pong, playing softball, coaching, reading, finding a hole in your armpit "tickle tickle", fireworks, family reunions, and so much more.

He loved throwing his kids really high in the air and catching them. He loved having his kids cling to his neck and swim with him as far as he could. He had great memories taking his kids to Disney World and taking Matt to be an extra with him in the movie "The Babe". He loved so many things but he loved his kids the most. He wanted his children to succeed at whatever they did.

One of his favorite roles was being an Uncle. His nieces and nephews thought the world of him. He convinced them (always teasing) that he was a jet pilot, so every jet that flew over for years and years was "Uncle Gary".

Gary had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and therefore has found his eternal home by His side.

In the words of his (at the time) three year old Granddaughter "I can tell he's good inside." And was he ever!

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations are made to Heir Recovery a non-profit in Anderson, Indiana where people find "Freedom from Addiction-Forever-Through Jesus Christ". Donations are made through Bright Point Church at the link below. Write Heir Recovery in the comments section.

<https://www.givelify.com/donate/MjM5MjQ=/selection>

If anyone out there reading this is struggling with addiction don't wait one more day to walk through the door to recovery.

Special thank you to the staff at Ascension St. Vincent in Anderson, Indiana for their loving care in his final days.

Date, time, and location of Celebration of Life TBD

Tribute Wall

CR

“ My big brother Gary how did this happen? Someone please wake me! Gary was more than my big brother much much more. I loved him with my whole being. He was one of a kind. Gary I love you and missing you everyday and for the rest of my days. Thank you Lord for my aggravating brother boy could he ever! But loved me he did!! My best friend and confidant throughout our lives. God has you now and one day we'll be together again. Say hi to our family members that are in heaven💜💜

Cathie Roninson - April 12, 2024 at 06:53 PM

TH

“ I remember staying at his house over the summer for a week or so. He took us hiking, played games with us, loved dogs and just made the whole time magical. I also remember him teaching me to throw a football on the beach, he was so patient and fun even though I was probably the absolute worst at it. When we left the beach we walked around the village and wanted to go into a restaurant but I didn't have any shoes so he went in and asked for to-go bags and made me shoes out of the bags 😂, I laugh whenever I think about that. He was the BEST uncle!

Tiffany Hutchison - March 19, 2024 at 04:11 PM

AA

I love this memory. Sounds just like him!

April Adams - March 19, 2024 at 04:25 PM

CB

Aww so sweet a memory💕💕

Cathy Robinson Boyd - March 19, 2024 at 05:16 PM

CB

I should've mentioned that Gary and Diana and I also had a brother (half) named Jeff Robinson who passed a year ago. He lived in Kentucky. Our other mother (60years) Mary Robinson passed 2022.we also have step(dislike 'step' brother and sister .Keven Robinson and Cheryl Blackwell. They came up to see Gary the day he went to heaven. I love family and I LOVED my BROTHER GARY soooooo much💔💔 You're at peace at last Jesus has you

Cathy Robinson Boyd - March 19, 2024 at 05:25 PM

SP

Rest in peace, old friend.

steve peidl - March 19, 2024 at 06:04 PM

TP

Kathy and Gary were our neighbor and good friends for many years when our children were young. We shared good times and sad times together. Gary loved children and was childlike himself in many ways as he enjoyed playing with all the kids in our circle. I will always remember those years and Gary fondly as our families are forever bound because of those years. May God's grace be upon you and may your family be comforted and find peace. 🙏

Tonya Peidl - March 19, 2024 at 07:13 PM

RS

This is truly one of the most beautifully written remembrances and it honors Gary in every way. I'm filled with tears, yet smiling. Bless you...

Rachel Carper Smith - March 19, 2024 at 07:16 PM

DM

God bless and keep you, Gary.

Dr. David Moffett - March 19, 2024 at 08:56 PM

MI

Haven't seen Gary since the seventies but I know his brothers will be greeting him in heaven.

mikebaker - March 21, 2024 at 11:42 AM

BD

We had some great times together. Traveling with the kids to basketball games all over the summer. I miss the card games we had. You and your family were great friends to us. Our thoughts for you and the family.

God bless you and family. Bob & Vicki Dunlap

Bob Dunlap - March 21, 2024 at 12:11 PM

MR

One of the biggest reasons why I joined the Air Force! I talked to him, listened to him, looked up to him--he was my hero! One of my favorite memories was visiting him at Eglin Air Force Base, FL in the early 80s. I saw the F-15s up close and was hooked. He threw a good sales pitch for the Air Force many years before I decided to join. He told me to go to school while in the Air Force as well. I had a wonderful career while serving as a F-16 Crew Chief, receiving my Community College of The Air Force Degree, joining ROTC, receiving a commission, serving as a space and missile operator until I retired in 2014. I currently serve as a contractor but back on the Air side of the Air Force. I owe all this to him! Gonna miss you Uncle Gary! So many great memories that I'll continue to pass on. RIP and Aim High!

Michael Robinson - March 22, 2024 at 03:18 PM

MR

Thank you to all who shared!

Matt Robinson - March 22, 2024 at 09:23 PM

MR

Everything being expressed of our dear sweet Gary fills my heart and confirms my ideas of the great wonderful man he was. I had the pleasure of meeting Gary in his last days (3mos.) I was intrigued to say the least. 😊 The precious way he talked of his children/nieces and nephews brought me to tears everytime we hung out. He really enjoyed being a father/mentor it brought him great joy to be that father, uncle, brother that took all the kids vacationing and day trips. He told me about all that exciting stuff. It was the way he described it all that made you feel you were there too! My eyes are soaked telling you of the most wonderful person I've been blessed to know he was so neat! When I would arrive to where he stayed I walk in the room his face lit up with that sweet loving smile and say there's my girl bring it in come here and hug me tell me he loves me and how glad he was to see me, like he hadn't seen me in yrs, although it was just yesterday lol. Most days I'd help him get ready and we'd go for a ride to get him out of the house and talk. When I dropped him off he would hug me tell me loves me and don't stay away visit often. I'm here to tell you I believe God sent me Gary. I'd take fresh fruit he loved it but once I took a cantaloupe and he cut it up except for the one piece I ate he ate every piece saying how good it was and really appreciated me bringing it. I still have texts from him telling me he wished he could've met me sooner cause he hasn't found such a good person In a long time and genuine friends are hard to come by these days. I'll hold those memories in my heart forever. Such a beautiful man with a heart of gold very sweet. He loved his whole family he would tear up talking of his awesome sister he was goin to live with in Florida. All you kids are so very blessed to have had him growing up and the impact he had on you is such a blessing in many ways. Gary was an angel on earth here with us. My life will be forever changed because of Gary and all of you here. I'm so proud to have been a part of his life, my friend whom I love and miss dearly. 🍷💔🍷 Thank you Lord for gracing us with his presence, and thank all of you for being part in his journey. God bless everyone! Fly High Sweet Gary You Suffer No Longer Honey!

Monica Roberts - April 02, 2024 at 11:21 AM