



Gary Lynn Stephenson

October 4, 2010

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“ *Gary Lynn Stephenson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM

BR

“ Gary... ha ha ha..

I've read over this page for the past year or so. At least once a month. Never have I brought myself to write on it. Thanks man. I don't know how else to say it. Or how to write it. I think if I could tell you anything right now. It would be.. that to your shock, and mine. I'm married now. Through the hassle of the military, and my stubborn ways. I never got to get my wife in to meet you.. Although my family is now officially Fixed. My biggest regret is that my wife will never be able to meet the man that I speak so highly of to this day. Damn nigga.... I remember the first day we met... I miss you so much. There's so much i wish i could tell you. I'm so fuckin young in years, but from your guidance i feel so mature. I will never forget all the good things you did for me. Our memories with Christine, Heather, Anthony, you, and myself haunt me to this day. Not from the bad things, though. From the memories that I will never be able to relive. From the friendships I will never be able to remake. I'm doing great in my career. Nobody at my job can touch me, but that also means that they don't like me. I won an olympic gold medal in culinary arts. The dish that I made was out of lobster. Even though nobody likes me at my job, every night when I come home I can always count on a lady that loves me for who I am, despite my many flaws. I have not forgotten how to love myself. And I strive to do the best that I can in all that I do. I treat every janitor, custodian, lunch lady, etc. with the utmost respect... because that's what you taught me, they are the people that make the world go round, right? I love you... I know Christene is with you

If anyone could contact me with photographs of gary, please do. I don't have any. 7577527281

or

dog1280@yahoo.com

thanks.

Bennett Rodriguez - January 28, 2012 at 09:06 PM

JJ

“ *To all the family and friend.....*

I was married to Gary for 8 years and he was an awesome man. I am so sad to hear of his passing.

Just a special note to Kevin & Jan. Kevin you may have never known how much Gary loved you and Jan, but trust me.... he always adored y'all. If you wish... I can be contacted via email at judi-johnson@att.net or 214-995-5585. And to his Aunt's Gary loved and thought of you as his mothers. Gary and I spoke often after our divorce. Our parting was the best for both of us but we never stopped loving each other. Gary was and will always be my soul-mate...I NEVER STOPPED LOVING HIM!!!! My heart hurts and I will never be the same Much Love, Judi Stephenson Johnson

Judi Stephenson - Johnson - November 12, 2010 at 06:48 PM

LD

“ It's a month today but time has not helped yet. I think of you, I miss you, I am grateful you are not still in pain, I hope I am making you proud, I wish I would have listened more. I won't ever forget you. It's not possible. You saved my life physically, you gave me a new way of thinking. You were brilliant, misunderstood, bold, funny and wise all the way till your last minute. "The only thing that doesn't change is that things never stop changing". That was the last thing you told me. I hate change, I guess I just hate how much I miss you while @ the same time I'm so relived that you are ok now. You were my best friend, my teacher, my family...you will never be gone to me. I try to be quiet because I know you are there. Just wish I could get one more hug. You made me better, you made me laugh. Now I try to find the strong person I really am when I keep getting pushed and kicked down. You always reminded me of my strength, and how I didn't need to try to be strong BC I am. It's hard now. But I have faith that you will be guiding me, helping me stand up for myself and be able to leave. You always said I was the daughter you never had. I hope I can live up to that. I don't know what else to write BC I could write about you for days. Love you forever- your Lizzie B

Lana Christine Dobbins - November 04, 2010 at 01:04 PM

JR

“ I remember Gary best as Alfie, the fun loving guy I knew back in high school. I remember him mostly for his ability to make people laugh and his great personality. I haven't seen him for many years but think of him often. I am very saddened to hear about his passing. My sincere sympathy to the family.

Jeanine Riding - October 20, 2010 at 04:40 PM

HS

“ Gary changed my life. without Gary i don't want to think about where i would be today. No matter what problem i had,I could call him or just show up and he was there for me. Gary was the most intelligent/interesting person i have ever known. we could spend hours talking about Egypt or quantum physics..... No matter what it was, he was the most entertaining/wise person i had ever met. he had an answer for everything. i found so much comfort in him. But most of all i found much more humor!!! we both had a witty strange sense of humor which i think got us both through the darkest of days. I have never met anyone like Gary!!! I just know that although he is gone and that i'm heartbroken....everyone should know that Gary lives within all of us! I am just one of the hundreds of people that have been positively changed by Gary. Gary saved and changed so many lives, and im glad to say that i am one of those. Love you Garry!! Finally you have a good goodbye like you wanted(and many rubber duck quacks! ha ha)
Heather

Heather Simms - October 06, 2010 at 07:46 PM

CM

“ I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Gary. I worked with him for many years at Laurel Ridge Hospital and then a few years ago st Gudalupe regional Medical Center. His commitment to the field and helping others make positive changes in their lives, not to mention his wonderful sense of humor will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Know that he touched many many lives.
Sincerely,
Chris Reitze Mata, LCSW

Chris Reitze Mata - October 06, 2010 at 01:34 PM

LU

“ I want to thank all of Gary's family for welcoming me as a family member. I enjoyed getting together at Aunt Madene's and sharing stories.

I met Gary a few months after I had lost my husband in 1998. Gary waited patiently before asking me for a date saying good things come with time. We had a very special relationship and the best of friends. We fell in love and engaged. I will always love Gary and will never forget what we had. I will miss those big bear hugs, the comfort of his arms, his sense of humor and our conversations.

LUPE - October 06, 2010 at 01:27 PM

LD

“ Gary truly was one of a kind. I learned so many things from him and wish I could remember them ALL. When it came to knowlegde he was a well that never ran dry. He shared his knowlegdge w/so many and changed so many lives. He loved to read and could never have enough books. He has an incredible memory. He was an equally gifted writer, amazingly talented with words. He appreciated art and was VERY creative. He was caring, tough, articulate, stubborn and resilient. He had a very unique brand of humor and was wickedly funny, always able to make people laugh even in the hardest of times. He was a great storyteller and a patient listener. A stand up guy, always courageous and always real. He accomplished many things in his life, he was a veteran, a teacher, CEAP, LCDC to name a few.

Gary came into my life when I was a stubborn 17 year old in need of some major attitude and lifesyle changes. Like most teenagers I thought I knew it all and didn't want to hear differently. A mutual friend asked him 3 times to see me and talk w/me. I am grateful for Doria's persistence. He eventually agreed even though he had "no patience or time for kids". I remember how strong his prescence was in the room and all the sudden I had a little less to say. He told me, "now I will only tell you all this one time BC I won't meet w/you again"...8 years later and he never gave up on me. He saw something in me at a time when I couldn't. He became my mentor, a friend of the family and eventually a member of the family. We all loved him, he helped us and we helped him, it came naturally. After all that he became inspired to start working with young people. He counseled and mediated for many families in need of outside help. At one point he organized a group of his young patients whom he felt could learn from eachother. He asked me to help him lead this group and I was honored. He went above and beyond when it came to helping people. He was not your typical counselor and made no apologies about it. His unique brand of tough love led to many success stories throughout his lifes work. He spoke often of his family and it was obvious how much they meant to him. When he came to Huntsville to live with his aunt he said how it was so nice to feel like he was home again.

Dispite his deteriorating health, he never lost his wit or humor. A few years when it became serious he talked of this day, he wanted his life to be celebrated with love, laughter and bagpipes. He was special. Now all the years of pain are over and he's in a better place where there is no pain. He loved many and was loved by many. We shouldn't pity or mourn Gary in the normal way. Normal is boring and after all, the last thing he was was boring.

He was my godfather, my mentor, my rock and my family and my friend. Though this is a huge loss for me and many others, this means peace for Gary. I feel selfish for missing him so much but grateful that he is with God. I am and always will be a better person for knowing Gary Stephenson, the impact he had in my life is something I will never forget and always be grateful for.

Lana Christine Dobbins - October 05, 2010 at 11:38 PM

PS

“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Gary and another classmate of '69. Our prayers are with his family.*

Pam and Hylmar Schneider - October 04, 2010 at 11:18 PM

JP

“ *I had the good fortune of working with Gary for a period of a few years. He was such welcome presence in our office, always engaged with patients and staff with his warmth and humor. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

Jamie Persellin - October 04, 2010 at 03:37 PM

BM

“ I am proud to have called Gary a friend. Funny, warm, and compassionate, Gary always had time to help others struggling with addiction. He helped me stay sober, and managed to face of life's most daunting challenges with his own special brand of humor. I'll miss that Gap-toothed grin, yet I know that he is now spinning yarns in a place of peace and serenity.

Brent McCarthy - October 04, 2010 at 01:56 PM

AL

“ Gary lived and died saving my life.

Allyson - October 04, 2010 at 01:19 PM

JL

“ Gary was a man I will never forget he had a way about him that would make you feel that he was truly interested in you and was really listening. Gary really knew how to make people laugh but what I really remember about him was his humility, I remember talking with him sitting on the steps of the Comal having some dialogue and realizing how much this man was going through but I cant remember once talking about his problems only my own. There was time when both my parents and I were helped by Gary's words and spirit he came to the house and spoke to us individually and with out knowing what happen we had let our guard down and ate diner together with a completely new attitude.

James Lovett - October 04, 2010 at 11:57 AM

TM

“ dear Kevin and family, I was deeply saddened to read about the loss of Gary. I got to know Gary, aka, Alfie the summer of '71 and have such wonderful memories of that summer. He was such a fun, witty, sweet soul. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you at this time and always. Your friend and fellow classmate of the class of '72, Tyra Koenig Moore

tyra koenig moore - October 04, 2010 at 10:13 AM

DC

“ The Stephenson's were our next door neighbors when we moved to New Braunfels in '66. Gary was special to all of us and especially dear to my Mother.

Kevin and Madeen, we are so sorry for your loss.

Love,
Diane Crawford

Diane Crawford - October 04, 2010 at 10:10 AM

MR

“ Gary had a profound impact on my family, Bennett in particular. Gary was warm, witty, humorous and cut to the chase. He was there as a support for us when we needed help, and we kept in contact with him up until about a year and a half ago when he seemingly disappeared, but was apparently when he moved to Huntsville. Gary had a tremendous respect for his students, and they respected him as well. I would have lost my son without him. Thank you Gary for all you did for us.

Maureen and David Rodriguez - October 03, 2010 at 10:25 PM

CL

“ John and I cried today but rejoiced in knowing that Gary touched our lives in so many ways. He was a dear friend to my mother and best friend, Allyson. We celebrated on many occasions. Gary had a way with people that made us laugh and think. He also, injected so much wisdom to keep me and my family from harms way. I probably would never be sober without Gary's help. We will miss him.

Christa Lovett - October 03, 2010 at 03:44 PM

IN

“ Kevin, please accept my deepest condolences at the loss of Gary. I never thought that I would never see him again. As you well remember, Gary and I were great friends. He was always so much fun to be around. I will miss him deeply.

Ingrid - October 03, 2010 at 01:37 PM

JL

“ We will miss you forever Gary. God placed you in our lives 28 years ago and we will never forget the times of our lives that you blessed with your wit and compassion. Rarely are there men, like you, who give their entire adult lives to the service of others. God Bless you on your next journey
John and Christa

John and Christa Lovett - October 03, 2010 at 01:33 PM

TH

“ I was saddened to learn of Gary's passing in Sunday's New Braunfels paper. It has been many years since seeing Gary, but memories of our youth tend to fade last. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, from an old classmate. Tom Hovestadt

Tom Hovestadt - October 03, 2010 at 11:08 AM

MA

“ Kevin ,offering you my deepest sympathy on the lost of your brother, to you and all your family. My thoughts and prayers are with your family, from an old friend, Mike Alejos God Bless.

Mike Alejos - October 03, 2010 at 08:20 AM

TD

“ Gary was a blessing in all of our lives from the moment we met him in 2002. He provided our daughter, Christine, an immense amount of his time in guiding her successfully to better health.

He was an extraordinarily well-read, intelligent man who was quick-witted, enjoyable, very fun, kind, courteous to all people who had the opportunity to meet and know him. He improved their knowledge as well as spiritual well being because he dedicated his professional working time, evenings, and weekends to improving the lives of students he tutored, his patients, and their family members.

We will be eternally grateful to God for placing him in our lives.

He always spoke very highly of his love for his Aunt Madene, Aunt Nellie and his other family members.

We will continue to pray that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will guide, comfort and heal his family and friends through this sudden loss of our dear loved one.

*In His Name,
Blake, Teresa, Christine and Mitchell Dobbins*

Teresa Dobbins - October 03, 2010 at 08:16 AM

LJ

“ My deepest and sincere sympathy to Aunt Madene, Aunt Nellie, Kevin and all of Gary's family. Gary will be immensely missed but we all have those memorable times with Gary. This is the beginning of Gary's path to a better life. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lupe Jackson

Lupe Jackson - October 02, 2010 at 12:06 PM