



## Gary Warren Hipps, Sr.

January 1, 1937 - June 11, 2008

Colonel (ret) Gary Warren Hipps Sr. passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, June 7th. He is survived by his wife Patricia and brother, Dr. Phil Hipps and his wife Peggy who reside in Phoenix, AZ. He is also survived by his three children: Gary Jr. and his wife Colleen, Gaylynn Muyshondt and her husband Mauricio, Trecie Pacione and her husband Adam, his stepdaughter Evelyn Graham and her husband Paul. Gary has 11 grandchildren who affectionately called him, "Bid Daddy". They are: Jonathan and Michael Biehl, Rebecca, Alex, and Cristina Muyshondt, Drew, Anne Cadmen, Thomas and Sam Graham, and Ava and Veronica Pacione. Born in 1937 to loving parents Roy and Alma Hipps in Dallas, he spent his childhood hunting and fishing with his younger brother Phil. He graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas in 1955. Gary continued on to Texas A&M where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets graduating with his BBA in Business Administration as well as receiving his commission in the United States Army in 1958. He led a distinguished 26 year career as an Air Defense Artillery officer serving in Vietnam in 1969 and as a staff member to the Joint Chiefs in Washington, DC. Advancing to the rank of Colonel before retiring in 1986, he went on to work as the Facility Maintenance Director for the Texas Department of Corrections for the next 15 years where he retired in 2001. Always fair-minded, with an unassuming nature and a big sense of humor, Gary was respected and admired by friends and family to whom he gave wise counsel. He will be greatly missed and well remembered. A memorial service will be held at 6p.m.

on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home located at 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, TX. Contributions may be made to the Rainbow Room, P.O. Box 976, Huntstville, TX, 77342 and the Lion's Club, P.O. Box 67, Huntsville, TX, 77342-0067. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Warren Hipps, Sr.

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ I am trying to find the family of Gary Warren Hipps, who was an Army Colonel in Arlington, VA. He worked under my father, Elwood A. Lloyd, and I have a nice evaluation that was done of Gary, found in my father's papers (who died 2-14-14). I would be happy to mail it to the family, if I could find an address.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jeanne Lloyd  
revlloyd@comcast.net

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Rev. Jeanne Lloyd - August 15, 2016 at 01:04 PM



“ The old Homestead Air Force Base group is trying to have a reunion in October 2012. I was trying to find Gary and Pat Hipps, and I came upon this obituary. We are so saddened to find this information. We do hope that you are ok Pat, and we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We have fond memories of our time together in Homestead. We would love to see and visit with you again.

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Jo Ann Pfeiffer - May 12, 2012 at 01:21 PM

CR

“ Gaylynn, Patricia, Gary and Trecie, I stumbled upon this and was in a state of shock! I am soo sorry for your loss and you are all on my mind. I hope to someday reconnect with you.

*Love, Corinne Roffe*

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**Corinne Roffe** - November 04, 2009 at 01:14 PM

HM

“ Just came across this very sad info today. I always liked Gary. And will always remember our fishing trips. When he sang " fishie, fishie in the brook...come on get on Gary's hook". Best wishes.

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**Henry McMinn** - September 03, 2009 at 12:26 PM

LC

“ Pat, Just in case you check this still, know that not a day goes by that I don't think of you or Mr Gary. I loved him with all my heart. There is still talk of him at the office almost everyday. Its true he may not of been a good patient but he was a good man and a lot of laughs. We are still here if you need anything. Lots of love and prayers.

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**Lee Ann Cook** - October 02, 2008 at 07:53 PM

DC

“ Patricia, I just heard. I am so very sorry, I loved Gary so much, what a huge presence he was in so many lives...His sense of humor, his humility, his kindness, all contributed to the great guy that was Gary. I can picture him at the grocery store, at the grill, in the hospital, with the dogs..He was my buddy, and I am so sorry that he is gone..My prayers are with you,  
Much love,  
Dede

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**Dede Conner** - July 16, 2008 at 09:47 PM

KP

“ Dear Pat and Evie,  
I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Kelly Keeland Peck** - June 27, 2008 at 04:17 PM

CH

“ Hey Patita I just wanted to tell you that I love you and we are always thinking of you . If you ever feel like you need someone to brighten you re day remember I am always a phone call away.  
I LOVE YOU so very much  
Tina

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**crystina muyshondt hipps** - June 16, 2008 at 04:08 PM

HA

“ Pat, I am so sorry for your loss of Gary. As my first TDCJ boss, he was so wonderful to me. Over the years, I would see him around town and he always had a hug for me and a kind word to say. He will be greatly missed.

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**Helen Allen** - June 15, 2008 at 10:21 AM

CC

“ Dear Hipps Family,  
We were so suprised and saddened to hear of Gary's passing. Gary and I shared many years of service and frindship together. We worked hard and we played hard, but I must admit he did both so much better than I. Gary was in a class of his own. He was such a fine officer, gentleman, father and friend. His passing leaves a hole in our lives. Patricia, Gaylynn, Trecie and Gary, in your time of grief you are in our prayers. May GOD hold each of you in his hand.  
Love, the Causer family

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**Col Wilburn R. Causer** - June 13, 2008 at 12:26 AM

JG

“ Gaylynn, We are very sorry for the loss of your dear daddy. We still remember the wonderful afternoon spent at his house a few years ago and can feel his presence and Patricia's among us. I tried to contact you to let you know that our prayers and thoughts are with you in this moment and wish we could be there. We will be waiting for you here in El Salvador para darte un fuerte abrazo y todo nuestro cariño.  
Julio e Irene Gomez

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**Julio and Irene Gomez** - June 12, 2008 at 01:35 PM

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**Julio and Irene Gomez** - June 12, 2008 at 01:35 PM

DB

“ Patricia, Sorry to hear of your lost. I know that you will miss him greatly. My prayers will be with you.

*Dee Brimer*

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**Dee Brimer** - June 12, 2008 at 12:38 PM

CS

“ Dear Gaylynn,  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you.  
May the Lord grant you strength during difficult times.  
All our love,

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**Carlos & Denise Sol** - June 12, 2008 at 11:11 AM

RS

“ I am sorry to hear about Gary's passing. I remember him from my youth when we used to visit Aunt Alma and Uncle Roy. My prayers and heartfelt sympathy goes out to your family. I am over here and Iraq and my mother (Bettye Still) just sent me this link. Wish we could be there to say our goodbyes to Gary, but thankful for a medium with which we can express ourselves from half a world away. God Bless ya'll Pat & family.

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**Rick Still** - June 12, 2008 at 12:34 AM

MM

“ Gaylynn & Mauricio, on these difficult times is when you need your family and friends the most-to be there with you! We can't express how sad we are not to be next to you right now! WE LOVE YOU GUYS SO MUCH!!!!

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**Mario & Maribel** - June 11, 2008 at 11:19 PM

WD

“ Patricia, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Helen called me this morning in Iraq to let me know. Wish I could be there for you. Take care of yourself and know that you are loved.

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**Wendy Daigle** - June 11, 2008 at 07:35 PM

AI

“ Gaylunn, Mauricio, Patricia, Rebe, Alex, Cristy:  
I am very sorry for your loss.  
My thoughts are with you all

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**Arena, Kco, Pao, Beto, Ale e Isa** - June 11, 2008 at 12:40 PM

NG

“ Dear Gaylynn and family,  
  
So sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you.  
Our sincere condolences.  
Niall and Gracia Mc Cormack

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**Niall and Gracia** - June 11, 2008 at 12:24 PM

MF

“ Dear Patita:  
  
From your family in El Salvador; our thoughts and prayers are with you!!  
  
BIG DADDY will always be BIG DADDY for us.  
  
We love you very much...  
  
Rebe, Alex, Cristy, & Moe.

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**Muyshondt Hipps family** - June 11, 2008 at 11:46 AM

JC

“ With deepest sympathy, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*The Caffeys  
Jeff, Julie, and Wayland*

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**Jeff Caffey** - June 10, 2008 at 09:58 PM

CB

“ Roy and I were so sad to hear that Col. Hipps had passed away. He helped make our years at Fort Hood so fun! He was a larger than life wonderful patriot. A terrific friend and great advisor. I regret that we had not managed to maintain contact after Ft. Hood, but that is so often the way in Army life. You will be in our prayers.

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**Celeste Brookshire** - June 10, 2008 at 07:51 PM

TB

“ PAT,

*PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. GARY WAS SUCH A FINE MAN AND A GREAT BOSS. I AM SORRY THAT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS I DIDN'T SPEAK WITH HIM MORE. I WILL MISS OUR FISHING TRIPS, HIS EGG ROLLS AND MUSHROOMS. HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED.*

*TIM BONVILLION*

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**TIM BONVILLION** - June 10, 2008 at 04:52 PM

BS

“ Dear Trec, Sissy, and Gary,  
Growing up in the army, did any of us ever realize we were surrounded by heroes? Your dad is a hero ~ a patriot who served his country well and at no small personal expense. To me, Colonel Hipps was larger than life, a jokester, and great story teller. I remember his booming voice, twinkling eyes (they really did twinkle!) and his laugh.  
During this difficult time, know that so many people are thinking of you all and praying you through. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. With much love, Betsy.

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**Betsy (Causer) Sandberg** - June 10, 2008 at 12:58 PM

BL

“ Dear Pat, I was sorry to hear about Gary. I always felt he was one of the best bosses I had at TDCJ. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Neva and Bill.

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**Bill Lenover** - June 10, 2008 at 12:52 PM

CN

“ Patricia, we are so sorry for your loss. You and all your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Carol and Mike Nichols** - June 10, 2008 at 12:43 PM

JR

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to the entire Hipps family.

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**Joe & Helen Rhodes** - June 10, 2008 at 12:13 PM

LA

“ Patricia and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Leslie Acrey - June 10, 2008 at 10:56 AM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Hipp's passing. He was a wonderful and kind man. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Pat and the family.

Julie Jannett - June 10, 2008 at 09:45 AM

NV

“ My thoughts and prayers go to the Hipps family. Mr. Hipps had a wonderful sense of humor and could always make a person smile, an unforgettable attribute. He will be missed more than words can say. May the Lord keep you close and bring you peace. God Bless.

Nicole Venette - June 10, 2008 at 09:03 AM

JB

“ Patricia & Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I know that the next few days will be hard to get through but just think of all the precious memories you have of Gary & your life together. You and you family are in my thought and prayers. God Bless You...  
Jamie Brinegar

Jamie Brinegar - June 10, 2008 at 08:17 AM

BS

“ I am very sorry to hear about Mr. Hipps' passing. He and Huntsville will always hold a special place in my heart.

Bruce "Brillo" Swope - June 09, 2008 at 09:43 PM

RM

“ Patricia, I am so sorry to hear about Gary. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Russell Martinez** - June 09, 2008 at 08:07 PM

HA

“ My dearest Summer Sister,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gary will be truly missed by everyone. I considered Gary my true "FRIEND". Gary will be remembered in my heart for his many accomplishments. His compassion and generosity are just a couple of his many attributes. The world has lost a great man.*

LOL

*Your Summer Sister, Helen*

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**Helen Alexander** - June 09, 2008 at 08:06 PM

WS

“ Patricia and family... I am so sorry for your loss. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Wendy Skains** - June 09, 2008 at 05:20 PM

JC

“ Dear Mrs. Hipps,

*I was saddened to hear that Mr. Hipps had passed away. He always made a point to stop, speak and shake my hand each time I saw him. Because he worked with my wife Elizabeth at T.D.C.J, he often inquired about she was doing. I appreciate everything Mr. Hipps did for our country, this community and the Lions Club. I for one can truly say that he will be missed.*

*God Bless you and your family,*

*John Cole*

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**John Cole** - June 09, 2008 at 03:57 PM

BA

“ *Patricia, I'm am so sorry for OUR loss! I loved Gary, and looked forward to seeing him every Thursday at Lions Club. He always had a smile & kind word for me. Please let us know if there is anything you need!*

*BROOKE*

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**Brooke Addams** - June 09, 2008 at 03:41 PM

DJ

“ *Pat, I can't express how I feel, You have lost a husband and I have lost a blessed friend. Christy and I send you our love. He will be missed.*

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**Dennis & Christy Johnson** - June 09, 2008 at 03:25 PM

DP

“ Patricia, I am so sorry for your loss. I was not aware of what you were going through. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Danielle Perez** - June 09, 2008 at 01:23 PM

WR

“ Dear Patricia & Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Gary. Please accept our deepest sympathies from all of us at Roche Family Dentistry, P.A. Our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Dr. William C. Roche II, Becky Roche, Christa Wood, Holly Graham,  
and Stefani Kroschel (Staff of Roche Family Dentistry, P.A.)

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**William Roche** - June 09, 2008 at 12:24 PM

KB

“ Patricia, I'm so sorry for the unexpected loss of Gary. I got to know him through the Lions Club and he became a friend of mine. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Kyle Britt** - June 09, 2008 at 09:36 AM

JW

“ Pat and family, I am so sorry for Gary's death. I will be praying for your strength and healing. John 14:27: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled; nor let it be fearful.

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**Janice Willett** - June 09, 2008 at 09:04 AM

MG

“ We were so surprised and sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Gary was always a good friend and a great boss. Our sincere condolences to Patricia and families. Max & Pat Ginsel

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**Max & Pat Ginsel** - June 08, 2008 at 10:49 AM

MH

“ Gary will be missed not only by the Lions Club that he served, but by me. It is hard to put into words sometimes to express feelings. I just want to say that everyone will be in my prayers.

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**Marvin Hyvl** - June 07, 2008 at 05:50 PM