



# Gary Dale Davidson

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**G**ary Dale Davidson, 65, of Lowell, AR went to his heavenly home on Thursday August 24th, 2023, surrounded by his family at his home after a seven year battle with cancer.

Gary was born in Gravette, AR to Marion Charles and Peggy June Russell Davidson on July 3rd, 1958; the 3rd of 4 siblings. Gary gave his life to Jesus Christ when he was 11 years old at First Baptist Church West Memphis. Gary graduated from Marion High School in West Memphis in 1976 and then attended The University of Arkansas and Henderson State University. He met Kathy Ann Johnson at Sunbelt Airlines in Camden, AR, and they were married on November 22, 1982. In 1986, they settled in Northwest Arkansas and where they raised their four children Shawn, Hannah, Maxwell, and Gabrielle.

Gary earned a bachelor's degree in aviation in 1980 and started his career as a pilot for Sunbelt Airlines. In 1985, he moved to Republic Airlines, who soon merged with Northwest Airlines where he flew for 23 years as a co-pilot and captain of the DC-9, DC-10, 727, A320, and the 757. Northwest and Delta merged in 2008, and he finished his aviation career with Delta as a captain on the A330 in 2019. He loved to fly the long-haul flights to Alaska, Athens, Guam, Hawaii, Rome and Shenzhen.

Gary loved the Lord more than anything. He was actively involved at Immanuel Baptist Church in Rogers for 30+ years as a Sunday school teacher of varying ages, a member of the Men of Valor men's group, and part of the Saturday night prayer group. Starting in 2020, he taught a Bible class on Zoom to a group of Vietnamese students. When flying trips to Africa for Delta, he would bring suitcases of supplies with him to missionaries that were working in local orphanages.

After his faith, Gary loved his family, an array of outdoor activities, and the Razorbacks. He and Kathy loved to travel before having kids and passed on that love to their children with annual trips all over the world. Gary and Kathy recently



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celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a tour of Israel. He was active in his children's lives coaching little league, soccer, basketball, teaching them to waterski, fish, and hunt. He enjoyed fishing on layovers in Alaska and Iceland and in recent years was the best Pawpaw to a growing list of grandchildren.

He will be missed by his wife Kathy Davidson of Lowell, AR, son Shawn Davidson and his wife Elizabeth of Plano, TX, daughter Hannah Mock and her husband Kyle of Plano, TX, son Maxwell Davidson and his wife Courtney of Rogers, AR, and daughter Gabrielle Davidson of Lowell, AR, grandchildren Jake Davidson, Russell Mock, and Campbell Davidson, sister and brother-in-law Karen Spurrier and Dane Spurrier of Charlestown, WV, and many much-loved nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Marion and Peggy Davidson, his sisters Donna Davidson and Janet Davidson, and grandchild baby Alex.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Nelson-Berna Funeral home in Rogers and a celebration of life is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 2:00pm in the Hunt Memorial Chapel.

The family kindly asks that you wear bright colors for the celebration of life. Gary has no more pain and is in a better place in the presence of his Lord and Savior. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Immanuel Baptist Church in Rogers, AR.






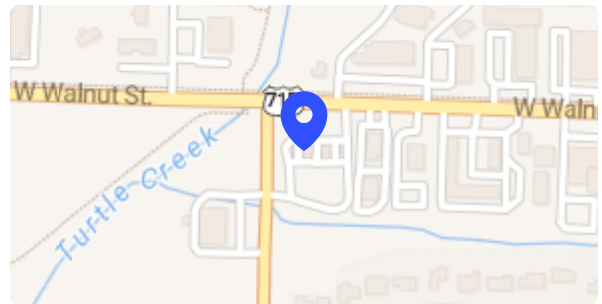
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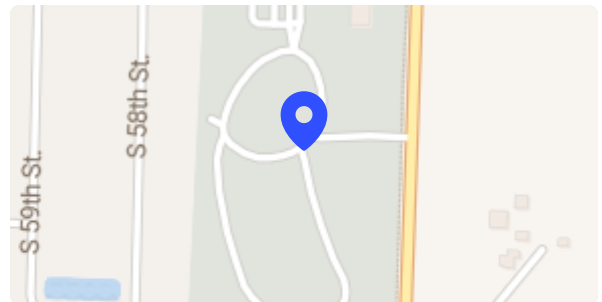
## Visitation

-  **Tuesday**, August 29, 2023
-  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Nelson-Berna of Rogers**  
100 S 28th Street, Rogers AR 72758





## Celebration of Life

-  **Wednesday**, August 30, 2023
-  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT
-  **Hunt Chapel**  
5930 South Wallis Road, Rogers AR 72768



## Cemetery Details

-  **Pinnacle Memorial Gardens**  
5930 S Wallis Rd, Rogers AR 72758
-  **(479) 203-7399**



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Davidson family.

August 30 at 7:09 AM



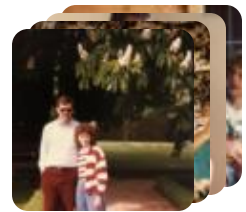
**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Davidson family.

August 29 at 4:25 AM



**Kelly Bruguere** shared 7 photos to the **Gary Davidson** album.

August 25 at 9:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Love's Journey to the Davidson family.

August 28 at 4:22 PM



**Thomas Bessette** posted:

Condolences to Kathy and family. We lost a great man on earth, but heaven gained a noble servant. Love from Tom and Cheryl Bessette family.

August 28 at 2:28 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Davidson family.

August 28 at 6:54 AM





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**Ruby Bell** posted:

Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: " Jesus plainly told her: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." —John 11:20-25.

August 27 at 7:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Davidson family.



August 26 at 1:33 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Davidson family.



August 25 at 4:47 PM



**Dave And Sandy Washburn** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Our Family is sending our sincere condolences to you, Kathy, as well as to the rest of the Family. We are so saddened to hear of Gary's passing but grateful that he is no longer in pain. May peace be with each of you during this sad time. Cherish all of the great memories of him for years to come. Rest in peace, Gary. 🙏



August 25 at 2:14 PM

**PS Paul And Marion Smith** August 29 at 1:33 PM

We want to send a covering of Peace and Love over the family and friends. God is always with us, in good times and painful ones. Watching over us and providing comfort with Grace and Mercy. The heart is expected to grieve the loss of those we cherish and love. There is nothing quick about grief and the impact felt by it. Life has some resilience built into it and we must guard our memories of the joy and wonderful times that we had the privilege of spending with each other during this Journey of Life. Time is necessary for Grief and Love is always close by. Praying for the family and his church family that miss him so! Heavenly Father we ask for your strength when we are weak and the comfort of your Love, when we feel we can't breathe or take the next step. Please, Father hold them in your hands and Love them closely. Amen.



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**Jamie Rains** posted:

Sending love and peace to you all. Gary was a great man. ❤️

August 25 at 1:25 PM



**Gary Grider** posted:

We lost a really good man. Our hearts are breaking for his wonderful family

August 25 at 12:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket of Memories to the Davidson family.

August 25 at 9:42 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.

August 25 at 9:42 AM





## Media

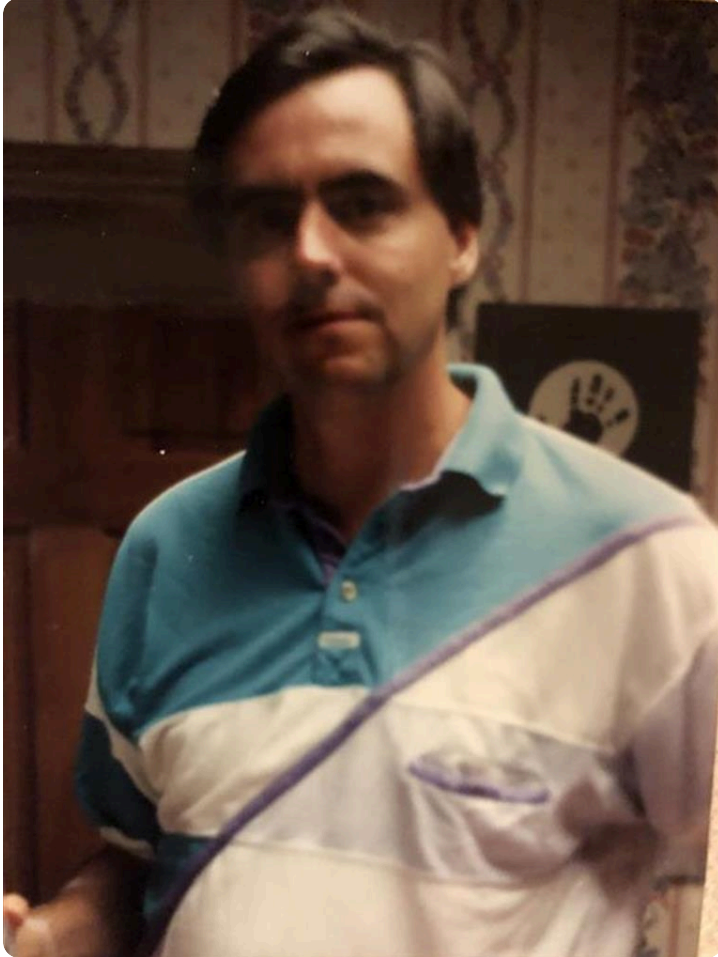
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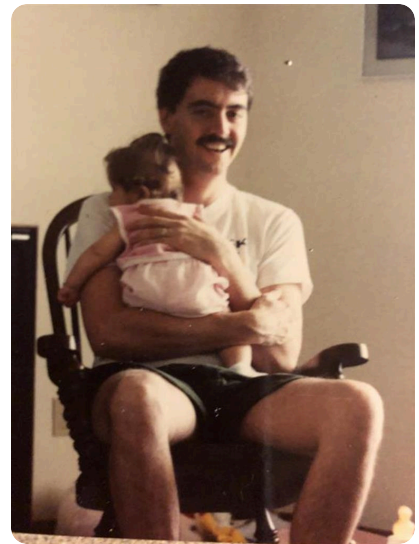
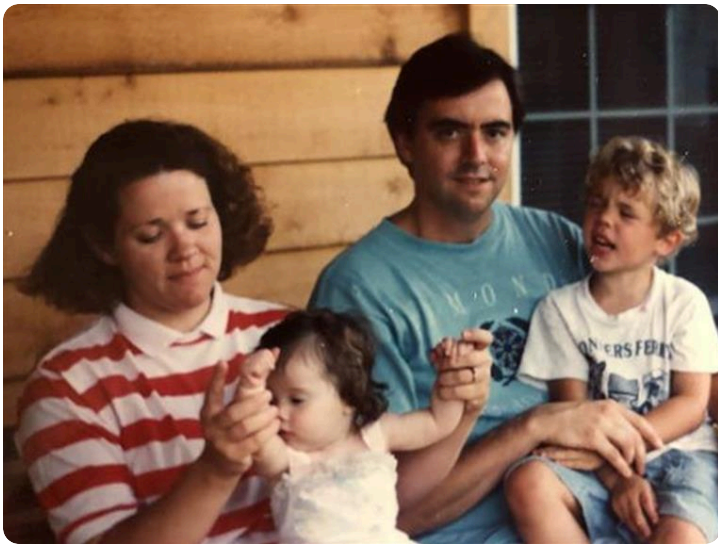
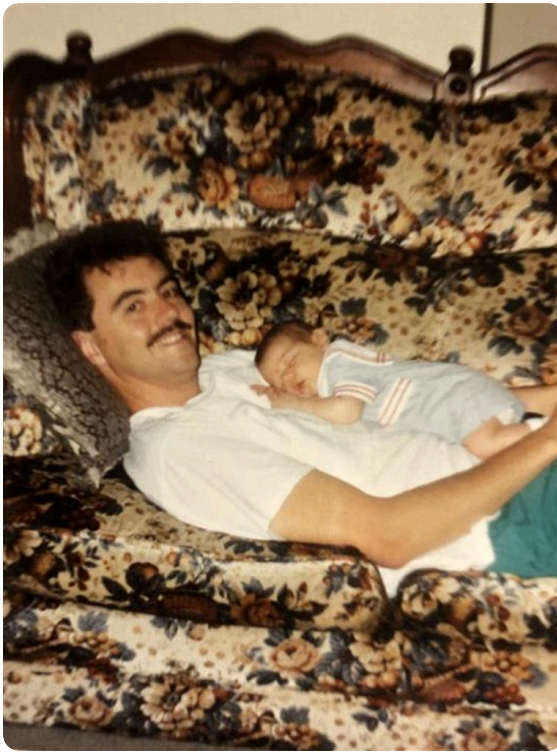


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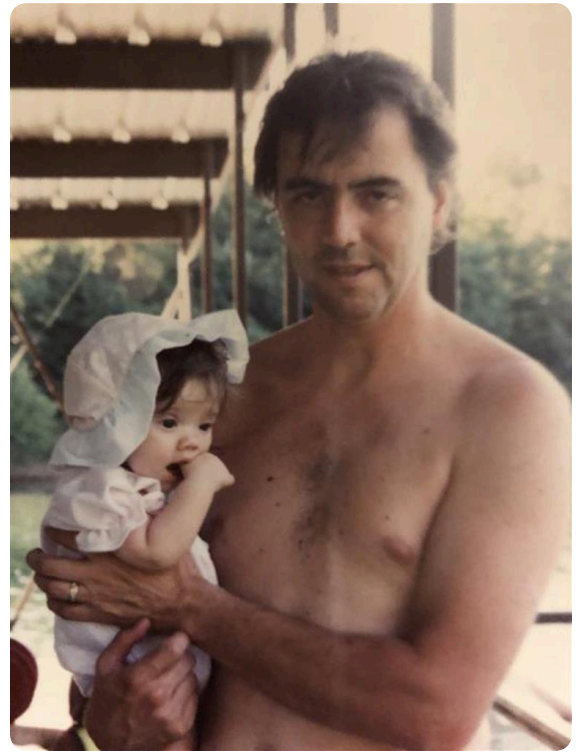




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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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