



Gary Colburn

December 8, 1937 - June 20, 2025

Gary Burt Colburn, age 87, passed away in Corsicana, Texas on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Gary was born in Orange, Texas on December 8, 1937 to Urty Jual Colburn and Doris Burton Colburn.

Gary graduated high school from Lutchter-Stark High school in Orange in 1956, BA in

History from Baylor University in 1960, Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas in 1964.

Gary married Jo Ann Walston on September 2, 1961 in Orange. While pastoring

churches in Muldoon and Seguin, Texas, the Lord blessed Gary and Jo Ann with 3

children. In 1969, the Colburn's answered the call of SBC Home Mission Board to take

a church start in Janesville, Wisconsin, where Gary led a small congregation of 30 to

grow to over 150 and build a new church building. In 1972, the Colburn's moved back

to Texas and settled in Corsicana. Gary was a bi-vocational pastor serving at Roane

Baptist Church until 1980 and working at the Corsicana State Home and also as the advertising sales manager at KAND radio station for several years. Gary later earned his teacher certification in Special Education and taught at Corsicana High School, Drane Middle School and The State Juvenile Correctional facility in Mart, Texas.

Gary continued to supply preach at various churches and in his latter years pastored churches in Streetman, Angus and Bazette. He also volunteered at the Corsicana State Home and Pierce Museum at the Cook Center on the campus of Navarro College.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and his only sibling, sister Gayle Colburn Copeland. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jo Ann Colburn, son Steve Colburn

and wife Susan; daughter Laurie and husband Ralph, son Colin and wife Jennifer. He

is also survived by eight grandchildren, Will Colburn (Katie) , Stephanie Colburn Deluca

(James), Hannah Duke James (Brian), Zachary Colburn (Ashley), Caleb Duke (Cierra),

Ben Colburn, Rachel Duke, Timothy Duke and 5 great grandchildren - Cash, Maisie

and Darcie Colburn and Charlotte and Henry Deluca, and baby Daniel James soon to

be born any day. He is also survived many cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of

friends.

Gary was a member of the First Baptist Church in Corsicana for the past 45 years

where he served the Lord by being actively involved in Sunday school, serving on

various committees, teaching in the Special Ministries and Singles Sunday school

departments and singing in the Solid Rockers senior adult choir. He loved good gospel

music and he and Jo Ann instilled the love of music into all 3 of their children where all

3 are currently leading worship in churches in north central Texas. Gary was a longtime

member of the YMCA where he logged more miles in the pool than anyone else when

records were being kept. Gary never met a stranger, he could strike up a conversation

with anyone, anywhere. He also had a love of growing roses and keeping pride in his

yard.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Navarro Regional Hospital and

the staff of Hand in Hand Hospice. They would also like to say "Thank You" for the

many prayers, calls and texts from many, many church family and friends.

In lieu of flowers and plants, please make donations to Mission efforts of First Baptist

Church, Corsicana, Texas.

Visitation will be at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home on Monday, June 23 from 6:00-8:00

pm. Graveside service will be Tuesday morning at 10:00 am, June 24 at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery in Retreat. Also, it is requested that you wear "Baylor" shirts, or green and gold to the service.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Graveside Funeral Service

JUN 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery
700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *a great man father too his family prayers for his family randy hughes* ”



randy hughes - July 03, 2025 at 01:45 PM

GP

“ Gary & Sheila Poe ”

We are so sorry to about your loved one. We are praying for everyone.



gary & Sheila Poe - June 24, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Colburn. ”



June 23, 2025 at 11:56 PM

ML

“ Gary was the kindest man I've ever met. He had a gentle spirit , and he was friendly to everyone. He could preach the Word. I met him when he was preaching at angus,and I was playing the piano. He will truly be missed. ”

melba lennon - June 23, 2025 at 04:59 PM

PA

Thanks to Gary for his years of service at the Roane Baptist Church. Ministering to our family, Garland and Edna Gray, and the community of Roane, my beloved hometown. He had the love of Jesus and people in the area. Thank you for proclaiming the Gods truths. Love Willy and Pat Gray Anderson and family Dwayne Jennifer and Janice.

Patricia Gray Anderson - July 14, 2025 at 02:42 PM

PK

“ Thinking of the many times we shared teaching responsibilities and had good times and many laughs

Pat kelly - June 23, 2025 at 12:55 PM

TB

“ Texas Country Boys purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gary Colburn.



Texas Country Boys - June 23, 2025 at 12:47 PM

JI

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers

Jerry L Ingram - June 22, 2025 at 11:16 PM

JI

“ You will be in my **THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Jerry Ingram

Jerry L Ingram - June 22, 2025 at 11:05 PM

DF

“ Dear Family, Bobbie, I and all the Fondren's were deeply saddened by the passing of Gary. Gary Colburn was as fine a Christian gentleman as I have ever known. " Live such good lives that they may see your good deeds and glorify God " 1 Peter 2:12 Gary Colburn was a good man who had a lifetime of good deeds. Any time I was around Gary which was more seldom these last year's his warmth, kindness and Christian brotherly concern for my family was a tangible reflection of God's Glory he mirrored in his life. Gary Colburn was a good and faithful servant for our Lord Jesus Christ! God Bless you Gary and may your family be comforted by our Loving God.

David and Bobbie Fondren - June 22, 2025 at 04:34 PM

BF

“ Betty Ann and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Colburn.



Betty Ann and family - June 22, 2025 at 11:12 AM

DL

“ My sympathies go out to Joann and family. Just saw Joann June 12 at a graveside of a mutual friend. So sorry for her loss. I did not know her husband but I do know what a very nice lady Joann is. I am sure her husband is now with his Lord and smiling down at his family. So my prayers go out to the family at this sad time in their lives.



Debbie Lake - June 22, 2025 at 12:36 AM

JD

“ John & Marilyn Duke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Colburn.

John & Marilyn Duke - June 21, 2025 at 10:41 PM

JD

“ John & Marilyn Duke purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gary Colburn.



John & Marilyn Duke - June 21, 2025 at 10:41 PM

ML

“ Gary was the kindest man I've ever met. I met him when he came to fill in for a preacher at Angus Baptist Church. I was the pianist at the time. He will surely be missed

melba lennon - June 21, 2025 at 09:27 PM

MS

“ Gary was a very dedicated man of God! We were in the same small group study, "Experiencing God". Many times before church or Sunday School we discussed how much that study influenced our lives even after all these years. He served his Lord and his reward is great. Will miss seeing him at church.



Marilyn Schmidt - June 21, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SB

I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I remember the days when we worked together. We love you Jo Ann and are praying for all the family.

Sharon Bland - June 24, 2025 at 08:34 PM