



## Gary Stokes

February 22, 1957 - July 12, 2006

Gary Stevens Stokes, resident of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away Wednesday July 12, 2006 in Houston, Texas at the age of 49 years. He was born in Corsicana on February 22, 1957 to Ernest Stokes and Emalily Burgess Stokes. Survivors include his wife Beverly Stokes of Fort Worth, Texas. Sons: Philip King of Fort Worth, Texas and Chris King who is stationed in Bagdad, Iraq in the United States Army. Cousin: Dewy and Frances Wofford of St. Louis, Missouri. A memorial service will be Saturday, July 22, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. with burial at Pattison Cemetery in Emhouse, Texas.

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Stokes

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“ Our hearts are broken for you- just no words that can express how sad we are for this great loss. Nothing can bring comfort, but our love, thoughts , and prayers are with all who will miss Gary as we do. Our lives were enriched having him in our family - but all too short a time.

Walt and Francine Martin - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary,  
May happiness be forever yours in life eternal. I remember you best in those wonderful overalls on the farm. I know now that they were the perfect outfit for your new wings.

Rick Stokes - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to Gary's family. I've known Gary since grade school and he was always so nice to everyone. He always had a smile on his face and a friendly greeting no matter how long it had been since you had seen him.

Elaine Ragsdale Barnes - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Gary's family. My memories of Gary will always be his laughing, playing jokes on others and having a blast in life. He made the parties more fun, his friendship was always true and everyone loved him. I don't think anyone could ever forget Gary's laugh, his bear hugs or his great sense of humor. What an honor to have known Gary and to have him as a friend. He represented what life was all about...living it, enjoying it and being a part of it. He will be missed.  
May God bless his family at this time.  
Sincerely,

*Pam Hatley Caldwell*

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**Pam Hatley Caldwell** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Gary was such a positive person, always smiling, and he brought a great gift to our family in his love for Beverly and the boys. He is in our hearts and always in our memories.

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**Del and Marge Green** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gary is a tremendous guy with a laugh and joy in his heart we seldom find. He is not gone, just waiting a little ahead for you. My deepest sympathy to you his family and loved ones. We understand your loss.

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**Sherry Dockery French** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ The happiness that Gary brought to his wife Beverly was well known among our family. His warmth and sense of humor will always be remembered.

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**Frank Warfield** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *What a SPECIAL, SPECIAL, man! I feel so privileged to have known him and be a part of his life these past years. I will forever hold dear in my heart that big smile, mischievous look in his eyes and his big, loving bear hug. Thanks for all the sweet memories BIG GUY.*

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**Donnie and Marsha Potts** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ *Sorry I cant be there, I am working in Iraq at the present time. I will remember Gary and the family in m prayers. We use to have some good ballgames and good times at Mr Lee's grocery store.*

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**Fritz & Paula Kloecker** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *GARY WAS ALLWAYS A HOOT.LOTS OF FUN TO BE AROUND.I HAVENT SEEN HIM IN A WHILE BUT HAVE HEARD FROM OTHERS HE HADNT CHANGED.MY PRAYERS ARE WITH FAIMLY AND FRIENDS*

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**MIKE HUDSON** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Gary loved life and lived it to the fullest. I know how much he will be missed in your life and in the lives of his many friends.*

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**Lisa Montfort Williams** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ On behalf of my sister Megan and me, our heart felt condolences. Gary was one of the most sincere and nicest person we ever had the good fortune to know. He will be remembered for his quick wit, his infectious laugh and for being a great human being. I know I have not talked to Gary in many years, but believe me, he was a true friend. He took a young sophomore football player under his wing when he did not have to, and I will never forget his kindness.

*May God bless his soul and grant comfort to his family.*

*Warmest Regards,*

*Mike Keeney and Megan Martinez*

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**Mike Keeney** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ The world is a sadder, quieter place without Gary. Beverly, please accept my deepest condolences. Gary was just so.....Gary. He was a terrific guy and someone who was special to a lot of people. We will all miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

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**Cindy Bowden Williams** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I haven't been back much. Gary is the first friend to go. I guess we're getting up there. I'll come back and spend some time with friends I truly love, even though I haven't acted like it..... I do.

*Jeff G*

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**Jeff Gee** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Gary Stokes was one of a kind. I send heart felt thoughts to his family.

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**Jennifer Sikes Branam** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Mrs. Stokes,

*I met Gary in 1970 when I moved back to Corsicana. I will never forget his kindness to me and how he made me feel at ease. As the years progressed and as we shared classes and activities, he always was fun to be around. He was forever making us laugh and smile. I saw him last at Iris Prater's funeral service. It had been years since I'd talked to him, but he acted as if it had only been a few days. He teased Diane and I about our grey hair and needing to meet Miss Clairol.*

*I will never forget Gary and his gift of laughter and kindness. I am sorry for your loss and I pray the Lord comforts you and yours during your time of sorrow.*

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**Beverly Smith Herrin** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I'm deeply sorry for the lost of your love one. The last time I saw Gary was about 12 yrs. ago when we coached little league baseball together. He was a great guy. My thoughts and prayer are with the family.

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**Eddy Whitener** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ With Deepest sympathy. Your in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Geral & Bobbie Nichols** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ We went to church with Gary and my brothers were close friends with Gary and Jamie. My mom worked for years with Emalily. On behalf of my mom, Eula Haynie and I, we send our condolences to his family. We have fond memories of Gary.

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**Nancy Haynie Neal** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ To Gary's family, He was a dear sweet friend and will be missed by all. Heaven's got another GOOD one!!  
Good bye Gary

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**Amy Crawford Joss** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ My sympathy to the family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*What a great guy and good friend!*

*I went to high school with Gary and spent time with him in Houston in the early '80s.*

*We went to several Astros games and a few Houston Rodeos. Gary also let me ride with him to Corsicana on several occasions.....never a dull moment.*

*I just found out about his departure on 7/25...the memories are all good.*

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**Victor Williams** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ It had been a long time since I had visited with Gary. Gary was a great friend to me at college and each time since he always had a big smile and a cheerful hello. He will be missed.

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**David Beck** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I played next to Gary on the football team at Corsicana years ago. We had only crossed paths a few times since and hearing of his death was a shock. Gary was always a blast to be around and I know he will be missed. My prayers go out to his family as I know he will be deeply missed.

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**Dave Garrett** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ It was my privilege to be Gary's mother-in-law and i loved him like the son he was to me. He made Beverly so very happy and he fit in our family perfectly. And we were not ready to give him up, but God was ready to have him grace those golden streets of heaven so all the sadness is in our hearts. We are blessed with so many happy memories of him so he lives on in our hearts.

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**Charlotte Arnold** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ To my special CUZ, I will miss you very much. All our old memories I will hold close to my heart. I love you and think of you always.

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**Debbie Stokes Gonzales** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To the family of Gary,  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Gary and I grew up next door to each other all my life. He ran around with my brothers during their early school years.  
He was always such a clown and kept us all laughing. We had such a fun group in the neighborhood I think there was only one other girl in the neighborhood the rest were all guys...I learned how to take up for myself. I know he will be deeply missed by all. I remember his parents and brother Jamie as well. Now they are all together again.

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Marsha Nichols Stearman - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I knew him over 40 years, In school and church (the old Westside CofC on 2nd st)

He was always laughing ...always smiling.  
The last time I think saw him was the  
25th High School Reunion in 2000.

He was laughing and smiling.

God Bless Him

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Charlie Drennan - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Gary?s family. Although I had not visited with Gary in a very long time, I am devastated. Gary?s infectious smile and well-honed sense of humor will be sorely missed by us all.

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July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was very sad to hear about the loss of Gary, a true friend to many who grew up in Corsicana. I agree with Mike Keeney, I also appreciated Gary taking care of us underclassman. He truly had a "heart" for those around him and it always showed...I like many had not seen Gary in a long time but he was one that you never will forget...Our lives will never be the same without him in our presence but the memories in our hearts will last forever...May the Lord Jesus Christ fill the void in the hearts of his family and friends...Rodney Payne

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**J.W. AND Elwanda Burgess** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Condolences to his family. May the lord be with you. I did not see Gary often since high school, but I always enjoyed the times our paths crossed here in Corsicana and up in the DFW area.

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**Jon Ketcham** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Gary was a dear friend during my high school years. The last time I saw him, he came to Wichita Falls with some friends and we attended a Corsicana High playoff game about 8 or 9 years ago. The thing I remember most about Gary is that he was always consistent. You always knew he would be the same person whether it was a week or 10 years in between visits. Gary had a way of making you laugh when you wanted to cry and his hugs were the BEST! My heart is broken for all of his dear and close friends and family as I know there will be a great void in your lives. The greatest comfort for all is we will meet up with him again in God's time! I know he will be waiting with a smile and bear hug! God bless you all!

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**Sheila Cantrell Moeller** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Gary - all my love special guy! Our lives were so rich having you to grow up with.....no one but the four of us share so many memories...Deb and I had many happy times with you and Jamie!!! Bet Mom and Dad are there with Ernest and Emalily playing those dominoes! See you soon cuz!

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**Angie Stokes Berry** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I only met Gary once at the wedding in Breckenridge but I saw how happy he made Beverly and knew he must be a great man. I know he will be deeply missed. My prayers are with you.

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**Pete Morrow** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ As I look at my office window to the mountains I am drawn back to the wedding there six years ago this week. A gorgeous view, so many of the family present, the laughter, the rain. What a wonderful time. And so began a great union between two wonderful people. And that relationship continued to grow and heal so many wounds from the past. How awesome that this partnership existed and blessed those around it. His acceptance of a ready-made family that he took to be his own is a powerful example to all. Gary's passing is so sudden and so sad. But he leaves a legacy of great love and a wonderful family that will draw strength from his philosophy of life.

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**Julie Green Perry** - July 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM