



Gary Lewis Bailey

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Mr. Gary L. Bailey, age 66, passed away at his home Tuesday, May 3, 2011. He was born August 14, 1944 in Amarillo, TX to Lewis and Betty (Giles) Bailey. Gary enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served 2 tours of duty with the Marine Corps as a medic in Viet Nam. He was employed by I.B.M. as a field manager for 30 years until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of V.F.W. Post 3195 and was an active member of the 3rd Force Recon Group. He married the former Linda J. Moore in Niantic, IL on February 15, 1969. She survives him along with 3 children, Tanya (Christopher) Covey of Naperville, IL, Tony (Kim) Bailey of Muskegon and Lewis (Stacy) Bailey of Chicago, IL; 5 grandchildren, Catherine, Cameron, Caroline, Jack, Jolynn and one on the way; 1 sister, Connie Bailey of Grand Rapids; and mother-in-law, Mary Moore of Decatur, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Pat and Brenda; and a brother, Charles. He was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church where the Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, 11:00 a.m., with Fr. Philip P. Salmonowicz as celebrant. VISITATION will be held Thursday, 6- 8 p.m. at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. (231) 798-1100. A ROSARY will be prayed at 6:00 p.m. He will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Illiopolis, IL. MEMORIAL contributions may be made to Harbor Hospice or St. Francis de Sales Church.



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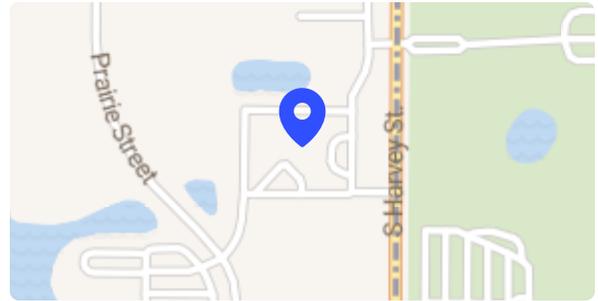
Visitation

 **Thursday**, May 5, 2011

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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Anonymous posted:

Dear Linda and family, hard to say words of comfort, but so many of our loving family were waiting with open arms for him...I have some very fun memories of Gary, he is a good man and God bless all of you, we will keep you in our thoughts. Mother would be so sad if she understood, she loved her sister Betty so much and all of you. Love, Sharon, Bill, Linda, Richard and Robert##imported-begin##Sharon and Bill Vivers##imported-end##

May 10 at 8:08 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Linda and family, Remember to stay strong and have faith in God during these trying times! Especially during the coming weeks! Gary was an awesome person in life and may he find the Peace of the Risen LORD-JESUS CHRIST!-Amen. My familys prayers and thoughts go out to Gary who is now an Guardian angel in service to our LORD looking down on you and your family. May GOD Bless you and your family in your time of need -M. J. McBride##imported-begin##Michael J. McBride##imported-end##

May 9 at 11:36 AM



Anonymous posted:

Im thinking of you and your family Linda. Remembering the laughs and fun we had everytime I was with you over the past 25 years. May Gary rest in peace in heaven.##imported-begin##Tracy Fabiano##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will pray to my lord and savior jesus that gary will find his way to heaven and rest in peace.Patrick##imported-begin##Patrick McBride##imported-end##

May 5 at 5:26 PM



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Anonymous posted:

So very sorry to hear about Gary, he was one of my favorite cousins growing up. He was such a caring & loving person, to all. His dad was raised by my grandparents & they & my dad & uncles considered him a brother & All his children grand children. He will be so missed. I had just began to hear from him recently & truly regret not getting to see him. May the Heavenly father bless & keep you all. Bill & Judy Steinberger Perryton, Tx###imported-begin##Judy Brown Steinberger###imported-end##

May 5 at 3:59 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss you my friend. See you in heaven. Jan###imported-begin##Jan Giles###imported-end##

May 5 at 6:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

Comfort and peace to You and Family Linda. Thankful, that Gary got to share with the new generation about this time in Vietnam; he was the very first speaker from our community to speak at the Reconnaissance School at Camp Pendleton. I will pass the word. God Bless in the Name of Jesus Christ.###imported-begin##Gene F. Cooper, GySgt./Retired/1st. and 3rd Force Recon Company###imported-end##

May 4 at 9:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I have lots of fond memories of Gary. He loved family and always attended all the family reunions and kept in touch with everyone. He will be missed dearly.###imported-begin##Diana and Jim Koskinen###imported-end##

May 4 at 7:34 PM



Anonymous posted:

I know Cameron will greatly miss his "Papa Bailey." Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.###imported-begin##Dianne, Jonathan and Cameron Christensen-Hermance###imported-end##

May 4 at 6:14 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Godspeed Doc,Lest we forgetSemper Fi!Guy##imported-begin##Guy Pete##imported-end##

May 4 at 3:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

Linda and family, personally and as President of 3rdRecon Association, I wish to express the sorrow we feel for the loss of a great person and Corpsman that Bill was. Our prayers will be with you. If there is anything you need, I and the Association will help anyway we can. Semper Fi! and God Bless you Doc Stan Kozlowski##imported-begin##Stanley Kozlowski##imported-end##

May 4 at 12:52 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Linda and family,We will greatly miss Gary. We have lots of memories to cherish though. We will especially miss those emails every morning. Was always great to chat with him.Gary was a good man, good father and good husband. Gary is now experiencing that "great reunion in heaven" that we talked about. So sorry we will not be able to travel there for the services but we are there in spirit. May God be with you Linda, Tony, Tonya and Lewis. We love you all.##imported-begin##Bob and Sarah Brennenstuhl##imported-end##

May 4 at 11:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Doc Gary...I will miss you, as all of your Marine and Navy brothers will. S/FBroLinda...I pray the Lord gives you and the family comfort at this difficult time.Love Jim "Finger"##imported-begin##Jim Reifinger##imported-end##

May 4 at 10:59 AM



Anonymous posted:

Doc...Rest in peace. May the Lord take care of you as you took care of us in Vietnam!R. Poncy3rd Force 1967-68##imported-begin##Ron Poncy##imported-end##

May 4 at 10:39 AM



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Anonymous posted:

For Gary's Family,It was an honor to serve with Doc in 3rd Force Recon and great to visit with him this past fall. What a great family experience he had in this world. Barbara and I's sincerest sympathy.##imported-begin##Charlie and Barbara Johnson##imported-end##

May 4 at 10:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

Will miss you my friend.... love you...##imported-begin##Ed Jeske##imported-end##

May 4 at 10:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Linda,My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Trynette Lottie Harps##imported-end##

May 4 at 10:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

Linda and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. Semper Fi##imported-begin##Billy Andress##imported-end##

May 4 at 9:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

Linda and family- We are thinking of you and we love you. Mark, Tammy, Connor, Matt, Jon & Ellie##imported-begin##Tammy Moore##imported-end##

May 4 at 9:29 AM



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Anonymous posted:

It is with great sadness that I mourn the death of Gary. As my wife passed away a little less than a year ago, I know the pain the family is suffering. We used to meet every morning in the Muskegon office and share some laughs before we went to Dennys for coffee. I am in California so will be unable to attend service, but my thoughts are with the family.##imported-begin##Don Speier##imported-end##

May 4 at 8:31 AM



Anonymous posted:

Linda & Family, Please accept my most sincere condolences for your, and our, loss. Gary was a true friend and brother warrior, having served his country and others with great honor. I never served with him but we became good friends during our reunions. May God bless and comfort you during your bereavement, Bo Burwell##imported-begin##Bo Burwell##imported-end##

May 4 at 6:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

You are not alone. I am praying God's peace and comfort to you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Wendy Moore##imported-end##

May 4 at 6:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hello Linda, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Bobbie##imported-begin##Bobbie Barrett##imported-end##

May 4 at 4:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

You may not know me but I am a close friend to Connie. I am very sorry for the loss of Gary. I will be praying for strength and peace for your family. I hope you can feel the love around you and are able to let that carry you through this time.##imported-begin##Cheryl Lyttle##imported-end##

May 4 at 3:42 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I WILL ALWAYS TRESURE THE GOOD TIMES WE SHARED . THE FAMILY REUNIONS , OUR FAMILY VACATION , VISITS & TIME TOGETHER . GOD BLESS YOU .###imported-begin##VICKIE BAILEY###imported-end##

May 3 at 5:28 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Linda and Children,My thoughts and prayers to all of you as you both celebrate Gary's life and grieve his loss. Julie###imported-begin##Julie Greene###imported-end##

May 3 at 12:21 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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