



J. Cathey, D.D.S.

February 13, 1942 - September 6, 2012

Obituary for J. Gary Cathey, D.D.S.

Memorial services for J. Gary Cathey will be held Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Christ's Church in Roswell at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Gerry Chavez will officiate. Burial will immediately follow at South Park Cemetery with Military honors.

Gary was born on February 13, 1942 to Jack and Charlene Cathey in LaMesa, Texas. He grew up in Roswell and graduated from New Mexico Military Institute in 1962. Gary married the love of his life, Jan Adams, on December 19, 1965. He then continued his education at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry and graduated in 1968. He served his country as a Captain in the United States Army Reserves for six years. After three years in Truth or Consequences, NM, Gary and Jan moved his dental practice to Roswell. In 1974, Gary's brother, Dr. Phil Cathey, joined the practice, and they enjoyed a 38-year partnership together. Gary was blessed with a wonderful support staff. Marcia and Tina have been with him for over 30 years, and together with Angela, Marta, Roberta, and Cindy, they had become like family to him. This team, including both doctors, was bound together with professionalism but always found a way to create an office environment of fun and laughter.

He was past president of the Eastern New Mexico Dental Society and was a member of the Roswell Rotary Club. Gary also enjoyed motorcycle touring with the Alien City Riders. Gary was a true patriot, loved his country, held

strong conservative Christian values, and had a heart for Israel. He was an active and charter member of Christ's Church in Roswell and was always ready to share his faith and love for Jesus.

Gary is survived by Jan Cathey, his wife of 46 years; his son Stephen Cathey and his wife Lorie; and his daughter Stacey Lynn Cathey, all of Roswell. He is also survived by his brother Dr. Phil Cathey and his wife Janet of Roswell; his sister Judy Moloney and her husband George of Lake Forrest, IL; his sister-in-law Judi Lambert of Arvada, CO; and Debbie Henry of Arvada, CO who was like a sister to him. Gary is survived by a granddaughter Shelby Rae Cathey of Roswell; three grandsons, M.J. Lewis of Dallas, TX, Chris Lewis, and Sean Lewis, both of Roswell. Two cousins who grew up with Gary and were very special to him are Charles Cathey of Huntington Beach, CA and Joe Cathey of Granbury, TX. An adored aunt of Longmont, CO, Jonita Green, also survives him. Gary was blessed with many nephews and nieces, aunts and uncles, all of whom he loved and adored.

Preceding Gary in death were his father, Jack G. Cathey, and his mother, Charlene Williams Cathey.

Honorary Pallbearers are Darrel Bethany, Sonny Espinoza, Rick Dolk, Dick Blair, Rick Hale, Stan Harbour, Doug Yett, Bob Thomas, Dr. Bill Greenhaw, Dr. Carlton Walker, Dr. Bob Bowles, Dr. Glenn Mattlage, Bill Moss, Richard Pickle, Jim Williams, and Bill O'Reilly.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in honor of Gary to drill a well to provide clean drinking water to an impoverished African village through the World Help Well Project. This is a project that was close to Gary's heart. Donations can be mailed to Christ's Church, 2200 N. Sycamore Avenue, Roswell, NM 88201.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online registry book at andersonbethany.com. Services are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

". . . my heart is glad and I rejoice, I rest securely." Psalm 16:9

Tribute Wall



“ *J. Cathey, D.D.S.*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God grant you peace and comfort for today and the future. Dr. Cathey gave me my smile. He always took great care of me and my daughter. I will miss him.*

Fertisha Hall - September 29, 2012 at 04:02 PM



“ *Jan and family..you too Stacey. when I knew Gary, I knew him as a Loving & dedicated Husband, father and son, brother and uncle and friend. I also knew him as being highly professional in his field of dentistry.And I am sure he remained all that until his death.I have to smile remembering his care for Kathryn. Unbelievable! Please know that you are loved and being prayed for and that all of us are just a phone call away.*

Jo Hubble--Tomlin - September 21, 2012 at 11:37 PM



“ *Jan and Stacy, Sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Cathey. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care*

Pat Herrera - September 19, 2012 at 05:17 PM

MK

“ I stopped in to visit with Gary and Phil in April while I was in Roswell and we had a very nice visit. First time I had seen them in many years and it was so great remembering all the years while we were growing up across the street from each other. So very glad now that I made the time to do that. My heartfelt condolences go out to all the Cathey family and know that he will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Michaele Austin Kelly - September 15, 2012 at 09:46 AM

TL

“ To Gary's family we send our thoughts and prayers. We first met Gary years ago while hot air ballooning here in Roswell. Then during the years Gary has helped one or another of our family members. We will all remember his quiet, patient and caring demeanor. We are so sorry for your loss. Gary will be missed by all.

Ty & Sue Lem - September 13, 2012 at 07:15 PM

BO

“ Gary was a true gentleman and a great friend! I always loved seeing Gary because he "always" had something interesting to say and many times, would make me laugh with his great sense of humor. Thanks Gary for the memories!
God Bless you and your family!

Bill Owen - September 12, 2012 at 10:19 AM

CS

“ My dearest sympathies to the Cathey family...

Charlene Daniel Shaffer - September 12, 2012 at 12:41 AM

CS

“ Sorry to hear today about Gary ...We know he is with Jesus and one day you will be together again. If you need someone to talk to call us at 622-8545..God Bless,Carol & Al Smith

Carol Smith - September 11, 2012 at 10:19 PM

CB

“ Cathey Family,
I was saddened to hear about he passing of Gary. Growing up just a few doors down I got to see him in the family side of life. He was a great man and father. He will be missed.
Craig Ballard

Craig Ballard - September 11, 2012 at 05:54 PM

RM

“ To the Cathy family. I am deeply saddened of the loss of Gary. He will be missed but never forgotten. Never Forgotten: I will always get a smile or chuckle out of the the antics that he and Phil would pull (pun intended) when they would act like they were going to perform some kind of experimental dentistry. Spatula's are not a required part of there tool's of trade! I look foward to seeing Gary again. God bless you all. Love Rayman

Ray Mounts - September 11, 2012 at 01:58 PM

CN

“ Sherry and I wish to express our deepest sympathies to the whole family. Not only did I get to grow up around Gary, but both he and Phil were very helpful in my career as a dentist. He will be missed. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Cal Nunnally - September 11, 2012 at 01:07 PM

BR

“ Jan there are no words to tell you how very sorry I am. I will miss Gary so very much. Love to you and your family. Barbie

Barbara Ross - September 11, 2012 at 12:11 PM

GW

“ Gwen and I send our love and deepest sympathies to the Cathey Family. Gary will be sorely missed by this community. God Bless you all.

Gwen and Steve Wolfe - September 11, 2012 at 11:17 AM

LS

“ My deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Cathey. He was a good dentist and a good man. We had an interesting political discussion in his office one day. He will be missed.
My sympathies also to the staff at his office. They were very nice, and nearly made a dental visit pleasant.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Lee Sides - September 11, 2012 at 10:59 AM

JR

“ Jan my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gary was one of the most caring and unselfish people I have ever known. We should all try to follow his ways. Be strong. Jim

jim raby - September 11, 2012 at 08:08 AM

CA

“ From my family to yours. Our sympathy goes out to you at this sorrowful time. Our prayers & thoughts are with you & may the good LORD bless & comfort you.

Cindy Ainsworth - September 10, 2012 at 11:28 PM

HD

“ Our prayers are with the Cathey family. We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss our Christian brother.

Hal & Roxey Denison - September 10, 2012 at 07:27 PM

BL

“ We here on earth have lost a wonderful person and GOD has gained a wonderful angel. Our thoughts and prayers to the Cathey family in this time of sorrow. I enjoyed the time I worked with Dr. Gary so much. I will always cherish my memories of the office.

Boyd and Carey Lard - September 10, 2012 at 06:50 PM

DB

“ We are going to miss Dr. Gary. He was not only a good dentist but a pleasant and friendly man. None better. Our deepest sympathies to the family. "Goodbye, gentle biker."

Donald and Mollie Burleson - September 10, 2012 at 03:51 PM

MC

“ Words cannot express how our hearts ache for your loss. May the Lord continue to lift you up everyday and comfort you in the days to come. Dr. Gary was a great dentist and we will miss him. Our deepest sympathies, Mike & Terrie Callaway

Mike & Terrie Callaway - September 10, 2012 at 02:15 PM

CR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Cathey was a very special man. When I moved here from California I had seen a couple of different dentist and Dr. Cathey was the best. I may not have seen him on a regular basis, but when I did he was always aware of my needs. I can remember the first time I saw him. I was scared to no end. I had my fist clenched up on my chest and he was like "just relax and put you're hands down, I won't hurt you. He never did once, he always knew I was that extra shot of novacaine. LOL when I had my daughter in 93, Dr. Cathey was the only dentist she ever saw. He always made her feel comfortable. Dr. Cathey will be miss by us very much. God Bless you and your family.

Crystal Reed - September 10, 2012 at 01:31 PM

SM

“ Jan, and family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. From our early childhood on Gary was such a good friend. He will be deeply missed. Sincerely, Sharon (Chewning) McDonald

Sharon McDonald - September 10, 2012 at 11:30 AM

TE

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to your family. My family is very sorry for your loss.. Cris, Mary and Ashley Palma.. Terri Elliott and Frenchie Carlos

Terri Elliott - September 10, 2012 at 12:07 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a kind man, loved by many. It was obvious that he cared so much for others, through his career, the well project, Rotary, biking, and his family. I love that picture in his office of his granddaughter and him at the fair. Its the most precious picture. He was precious to many. My thoughts and prayers are with you, in this time of grieving. I pray peace and calm for your family and much love.

Cassie Gross - September 09, 2012 at 11:53 PM

DY

“ In our desert of grief, Jesus can provide the oasis of hope. It is up to us to continue to keep our faith in Jesus strong. He will see you through it all. Our hearts are heavy, Jan, for you and your family and we are grieving for you during this time. Please know that we love you very much. Doug and Rose

Doug and Rose Yett - September 09, 2012 at 11:40 PM

MK

“ My heart goes out to each one of you. Please know I will be praying for you in the days to come. God will give you the peace and understanding you need. Keep your faith! I am so sorry. With Sincere Sympathy.

Marsha Kirkham - September 09, 2012 at 11:36 PM

TF

“ Love and Prayers to the Cathey Family.

The Glen Family - September 09, 2012 at 10:32 PM

CG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Dr. Cathey was a great man. He has been my dentist all my life and I have to say a real good one. He will be greatly missed by all my family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Chris & Lori Green - September 09, 2012 at 10:30 PM

JP

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We have been a patient of Dr. Cathey's every since he first started his practice. He was such a kind and giving man. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you.

Jud & Becky Price - September 09, 2012 at 10:26 PM

DD

“ J. Cathey, D.D.S.

David & Betty Derrick - September 09, 2012 at 05:58 PM

JW

“ I am sending my regards to the family for a very sweet kind person he was a very loving and caring person. He will be missed dearly.

Jean Williams - September 09, 2012 at 12:37 PM

RL

“ We are so sorry, and can't imagine the pain you are feeling at this time. Prayers. Ron & Adelle

Ron & Adelle Lynch - September 09, 2012 at 11:02 AM

VS

“ *Our Prayers are with you.
Gene & Vickie*

Vickie & Gene Shull - September 09, 2012 at 09:29 AM

TM

“ *TARRA.ISHAH ANDI SEND OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS TO ALL
OF YOU..*

Theresa Morgan.Brewton - September 08, 2012 at 11:22 PM

LM

“ *To the family of Dr. Cathey, may his soul rest in peace, I was a
patient of his for years and remember the going to the fair picture of
him and his granddaughter in one of his exam rooms, that was so
cute. I believe it was Shelby. May you all know that he was a fine
person and good dentist.....*

Lupe Morales - September 08, 2012 at 08:14 PM

RM

“ *You will be missed. We knew each other for many years. Some of
my best memories were our motorcycle trips. Our thoughts and
prayers are with your family.*

Ron & Cindy Miller - September 08, 2012 at 07:04 PM

SH

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. May our Lord comfort
you with His Divine Presence!
My fondest memory of Gary is when my doorbell rang at 5:00am
and Gary asked if I wanted to go with him in a Hot Air Balloon. I got
dressed and the Balloon was in my front yard. What a wonderful
ride with him.*

Steve Huebner - September 08, 2012 at 06:54 PM

HT

“ WE OFFER OUR SINCEREST AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE CATHEY FAMILY....GARY WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY THE TAYLORS AS WELL AS HUNDREDS OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN AND AROUND ROSWELL. GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL. IN CHRIST'S LOVE, HUGH & ELAINE PH 4:7

HUGH & ELAINE tAYLOR - September 08, 2012 at 05:31 PM

PK

“ *Dear Cathey Family.
We are so sorry to hear about the lost of Gary. Know you are in our prays. Gary was a good guy he will be missed by many. God Bless your family.*

Phil and Patty King - September 08, 2012 at 05:15 PM

TM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dr. Gary has been an important part of our lives for many years. He will be deeply missed.*

Tom & Diana Meier - September 08, 2012 at 03:39 PM