



## John Gary

November 6, 1914 - October 10, 2008

### Obituary for John L. Gary

Funeral services for John L. Gary, 93, of Roswell will be held at 11 am Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Gary officiating. Graveside services will be held in Lubbock, TX at Resthaven Funeral Home Memorial Park at 4pm. John went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, October 10, 2008.

Gary was born on November 6, 1914 to Jim and Mamie Jones Gary in Graham, TX. He and Elizabeth Ella Morris were married on November 29, 1936 in Newlynn, TX. Elizabeth survives John at the family home. John was known as the "Walking Evangelist" throughout his life. He loved the Lord with all his heart and enjoyed winning people to the Lord. John was a former pastor of Bethel Baptist Church here in Roswell in the late 50's and early 60's. Throughout his life John was a loving husband, father and grandfather and the best father-in-law.

In addition to his wife, Elizabeth, John is survived by his children, Lou Hubbard, of Roswell, Jerry Gary and his wife, Alta of Joaquin, TX and Alvin Gary and his wife Judy, of Guadalupe FW Indies, two sisters; Pauline Terry of Lubbock, TX, and Oleta Weikel of Pflugerville, TX and two brothers; Alvin Gary and his wife, Juanita, of Lamesa, TX and Raymond Gary and his wife, Joyce of Lubbock, TX. John is also survived by nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Mamie Gary, three brothers; Loyce, Jim, and C.W. Gary, four sisters; Irene Rice, Mildred Anderson and two infant sisters.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com)

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Gary*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *We remember John as being a "gentle giant" in spirit and attitude..He was always gracious and attentive to one's words..Elizabeth has always been such a sweet companion to him also..We have missed having them with us at First Baptist in Lubbock..May your memories grow sweeter and sweeter...Jeane and Dan*

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**Dan and Jeane Law** - October 14, 2008 at 07:49 PM



“ *I am the manager of Lovell Company in Lubbock. John worked for us for several years and I miss him very much. He was a mentor to me and the other men working here. He demonstrated by the way he worked the love of Christ. He always did the work that everyone else was too busy to do, or thought it beneath themselves to do. I never heard a word of complaint from John. We have a break room in our store and I always enjoyed eating lunch with John. He was always giving nuggets of wisdom and experience. Mr. Charles Lovell is still the owner of our business and sends his condolences as well as Vicki, his daughter, who is the office manager. We still have 2 employees who worked here when John did, Curtis Bevers and Rudy Vallejo. We all got together and shared our memories of John and how he had ministered in different ways to each one of us. Blessings to the family and we are glad John touched our lives.  
Paul Faulkner*

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**Paul Faulkner** - October 14, 2008 at 05:40 PM

VM

“ going to miss you, at the nursing home in the evening, when I go in to feed Ted. My preayers are with you and yourfamily. Love you Virgie.

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**virgie Martinez** - October 14, 2008 at 12:48 PM

TG

“ We love you and miss you Granddad Gary. "Well done good and faithful servant."  
Love, Tim, Heather, Ethan, Sincere, and Micaelan

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**Tim & Heather Gary** - October 14, 2008 at 12:18 PM

JG

“ Dear Gary family, We saw Bro. John's obit. and memories and appreciation and thanks flooded my thoughts yesterday. We first knew Bro. John when we went to Buckner's Home F in 1975. Bro. John and I just "hit it off from the first day" and he became one of my biggest encouragers while we were there. I looked forward each day to his brief visit when he'd deliver our groceries or come to fix something. Later we met Elizabeth and came to admire her also. We left Buckners but later I heard Judy speak at a woman's conferece when their little girl was very, very small. As the years passed, we heard and knew more of Al, Judy and family. Years later Jerry surrendered to the ministry; after many years away we came back to the Lubbock area and pastored Woodrow Baptist Church 15 years. During that time we met and had lunch several Sundays with Bro. John and Elizabeth.

Seventy-two years of marriage--Wow. How God has blessed that marriage and family. What an inheritance. Our lives were blessed by knowing them and I know many from Buckner's feel the same. And I wonder if anyone, or records reveal, how many children passed through their care?

I'm hoping to be at the memorial in Lubbock but have an apt. at 3 and may not make it. Please know we care about Elizabeth and are praying for you all during this time.

Ella Mae

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**Jerry and Ella Mae Gentry** - October 14, 2008 at 12:16 PM

GW

“ Sorry we were unable to make it to the service. We were sorry to hear about your dad and will miss seeing Lou and your mom at the Sunset Villa every night. But as we all know he is in a better place. You are in our prayers and take care. With Love.

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**George and Margaret Wolf** - October 14, 2008 at 11:13 AM

JY

“ I had the pleasure of being baptized in 1957/58 by Brother Gary at Bethel Baptist Church when I was 9 years old and it was the most moving experience of my life. I carry that memory in my heart today and I know that his influence helped shape my Christian Faith. I will never forget him. My sincere sympathy to your family. God Bless.  
Judy Nichols Yslas

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**Judy Nichols Yslas** - October 14, 2008 at 08:14 AM

LD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May your many memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.

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**Larry and Rosemary Dancy** - October 13, 2008 at 10:21 PM

LP

“ I have such fond memories of J.L. at the Gary's gatherings. He truly had a heart to share Jesus with everyone he met. The similarities he exhibited like my "Granddad Gary" (Jim) made him special in my eyes. My thoughts and my prayers are with all his loved ones who are missing him now but will join him in Heaven one day. Say hello and give a big hug to Beth, my special cousin and friend! Love,  
Lacretia

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**Lacretia (Gary) Pierce** - October 13, 2008 at 07:56 PM

DL

“ John was a brother in the Lord, and fellow-worker in the kingdom. May the grace of the Lord be with you as a family. You are in our prayers today. Heaven is a little closer with a friend like Brother Gary there!  
D. L. and Alice

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**D. L. Lowrie** - October 13, 2008 at 06:30 PM

WM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this painful and sorrowful time in the earthly loss of John from this life. However, he is now in the presence of the Lord, who he preached about and witnessed for during his lifetime. He was a faithful servant to the end and now enjoying the fruits of his long labor in the Lords ministry. I am grateful for the special commitment and dedication of service rendered in behalf of the special needs of children by John and Elizabeth, while employed by Buckner Baptist Children's Home of Lubbock. Their love and faithfulness to this work in helping hurting and neglected children provided many youngsters with new hope and a better way of life. May God grant His bountiful blessings, care, and love upon the family during this time of loss.

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**Weldon McElreath** - October 13, 2008 at 04:21 PM

CD

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of J.L. He was a special person who loved people and wanted them to know his Lord. He is now being greeted by my granddad (Jim) and grandmother (Bea) and I can't wait to see them again. Please know your family will be in our thoughts.

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**Cynthia (Gary) Dillard** - October 13, 2008 at 09:47 AM