



Gary W. Moore

July 21, 1954 - July 14, 2021

Gary W. Moore, famed bestselling and award-winning author of *Playing with the Enemy: A Baseball Prodigy, World War II, and the Long Journey Home*, *Hey Buddy*, *The Final Service*, and the forthcoming *Fragrance of Lilacs* lost his long battle with Stage 4 Stomach Cancer at the age of sixty-six. Gary will also be remembered for his popular weekly lifestyle newspaper column “Positively Speaking with Gary W. Moore,” which appeared in more than 60 papers worldwide. Gary’s columns spread a message of hope and optimism at a time when it is desperately needed.

Gary was a graduate of VanderCook College of Music. He traveled and performed with artists such as Ray Price and Barbara Mandrel, and toured with the national and world championship Chicago Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps. Gary was an entrepreneur at heart and spent most of his adult years working in a variety of business ventures and as the CEO of both public and private companies.

He is survived by his wife Arlene of 46 years and their three grown children, sons Toby and Travis, and daughter Tara Beth (Moore) Leach, son-in-law, Jeff Leach, and two grandsons, Caleb Daniel Leach and Noah Moore Leach.

Services will be held on his 67th Birthday, July 21, 2021 at Gathering Point Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais, IL., 60914. Visitation is from 5pm -

7pm central and the Memorial Service will be at 7pm central. Livestreaming will be available for those who cannot attend in person.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Gary Moore Scholarship Fund (www.give.cavaliers.org) or mail to: Gary Moore c/o Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corp PO BOX 501 Rosemont, IL 60018.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Gathering Point
897 West Bourbonnais Parkway
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Memorial Service

JUL 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ God bless you on your journey.remember the long hair blood that sort of played a note.you came a long way.rest in peace Gary.Amen!❤️

Candy Smith - August 19, 2021 at 01:56 AM

BC

“ Sincerest Condolences to the family. Gary and Arlene were on the "Midway shuttle" with my wife, Carole, coming back to Manteno, a few years ago. As they introduced themselves, Gary asked if she was related to "Stu and Jerri Cann, Stu is my brother, Jerri his lovely wife. They talked about a great many things, and he presented Carole with an autographed copy of "The Final Service". A wonderful, inspiring book he wrote in 2016. I had the pleasure of meeting him when they all got off the shuttle, to gather Carole. We spoke for a short, but wonderful time, and his smile and kindness is remembered. Ours prayers are with you all. Very Respectfully, Carole and Barry Cann.

Barry and Carole Cann - July 29, 2021 at 02:07 PM

KA

“ I have been following Gary's columns for many years through the Woodstock Villager Newspaper. His candidity of himself and the world around him grabbed my attention from the 1st opening paragraph. I had to read on.....I will truly miss his insight and positive nature that came through in all his writings. His fair perspective of kindness touched my heart .I am so glad I was able to be part of all he had to share. I think we were blessed by all he had to say positively. God bless.



Karen - July 23, 2021 at 11:11 PM

JH

“ We are thankful and blessed to have had Gary as a father figure, mentor, and inspiration in our lives. Throughout our swimming days, college years, and early adulthood, Gary was our cheerleader and encouraged us to put forth our best efforts and accomplish our goals. We all appreciate and cherish our time together during the Freedom Swim and all continue to share stories and moments from that amazing experience and accomplishment. We love you Gary and will miss you. We hope to carry on your example of a loving husband and father, humble servant of God, and inspiration to others to achieve goals.

Josh, Cary, Shaun, and James

James Haigh - July 20, 2021 at 01:32 PM

CK

“ My condolences to the Moore Family. I remember lots of exciting adventures with Gary while growing up with Toby in our teens. As he guided Toby down the path of life, I often tried to follow in those footsteps. Truly rest in peace as your memories will be carried out through others.

Craig Kirchner - July 20, 2021 at 10:57 AM



Toby I hope grew out of his stuff lol.he used to throw Twinkies at me .

Candy Smith - August 19, 2021 at 01:58 AM

PE

“ Arlene, Toby (Tyler), Tara Toes and Travisaurus- please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Your family will always have a special place in my heart. I'm sure that Gary has everything planned and explained for you and to you. Sending hugs.

Phyllis Emmerson - July 19, 2021 at 08:20 AM

CW

“ *My Condolences to the family. Prayers.*



Cheryl Wilson - July 18, 2021 at 11:36 AM

MM

“ *Prayers/Condolences*



Mary Morgan - July 17, 2021 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Gary's family. He was a special person who was both kind and generous.*

*Your Buddy Buddy
Jeffrey K. Smith M.D.*

Jeffrey Smith - July 17, 2021 at 11:25 AM

CW

“ *Such a nice Person. My condolences to the family.*



Cheryl Wilson - July 17, 2021 at 10:12 AM