



Gary James Tidwell

October 15, 1938 - April 8, 2009

A Memorial service for Gary James Tidwell, 70, of Richmond, Texas will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Gary was born October 15, 1938 in Big Spring, Texas to Roy and Dorothy Nell Quinn Tidwell. He passed away April 8, 2009 in Richmond.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Gary is survived by his childhood sweetheart and loving wife of 49 years, Helen Boyd Tidwell, known to everyone as Punkie; son, Jamey Tidwell; daughters, Jana Montgomery-McKee and husband, Gene, Chaille Wallace and husband, Shawn; grandchildren, Matthew Montgomery and Mason Montgomery, James Donovan Tidwell Wallace and Kendyll Wallace; mother-in-law, Nita Boyd; sisters, Helen Jane Tidwell and Pat Cosby; brother, John Tidwell; along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends Rick, Kay and Lanie Montgomery.

A forty four year veteran of radio/television/film broadcasting began at age fourteen as a disc jockey for KBST Radio in his home town of Big Spring, Texas. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1956 with honors. He then went on to The University of Texas. He graduated with honors in 1960

with a degree in broadcast journalism and a minor in advertising. Upon graduating, he became the news director for station KRIC in Beaumont, Texas. In July of 1961, he was hired by Ray Miller as a news reporter for KPRC Channel 2 where he won numerous awards for his news reporting and later gained regional fame for his creative work as the executive producer of the award winning "Eyes of Texas" program. Gary James, as he was known at Channel 2, brought Texas history closer to the Texas people for over twenty five years. For his work on this show and other features he earned two regional "Emmys" and the prestigious "Peabody Award."

Also while at Channel 2 he co-authored six successful "Eyes of Texas" travel guides, and "The Fault Does Not Lie With Your Set," a story of KPRC-TV. After more than 30 years and 750 shows, Gary retired from Channel 2. He has since produced numerous video's and authored the popular book "The Texas Guide" still available in book stores today.

Honorary Pallbearers include Bill Springer, Bob Gordon, Jose Campos, Phil Archer, Dwain Newman, Jerry Cousins, Jim Hiatt, Robert Clayton and Brad Basset.

For those wishing, memorials in Gary's name may be made to the Chronic Disease Fund Attention: Resource Development, 10880 John W. Elliott Drive, Suite 400, Frisco, Texas 75034, 866 619-5651.

Condolences may be left for the Tidwell family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Punkie- You may not get this because it is a year late. I was browsing on the BSHS exes web site and found the link. Even though it has been a few years since Gary and I talked, I still thought of him often. Our thoughts and prayers will always be with you and your family. God Bless.

Dickie Madison - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Dearest Helen and family,

We were so sorry to hear of your great loss. Jolly had open heart surgery Tuesday so I was unable to be with you for Gary's memorial service. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Love, The Jolly James

Camella James - April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Helen,

Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and your family during this sad time.

Shirley and Ed Swearer - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Love Ones, I so deeply regret not being with you for Gary's Memorial Service. We shared alot of special memories together. I shall continue to treasures them. We had such a great time going out for all those breakfasts and the numerous golf adventures. Thanks for the memories Mr. T. Love, Ben McCraryMr.M

Ben McCrary - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. Our thoughts will be with you and your family. Dolores Baird Fields

Dolores Baird Fields - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ The microphone and camera are on now in heaven and I know all the angels are smiling. Everyone loved Gary. What a character! My prayers are being sent to you, Punkie. Love, Peggy

Peggy Isaacks Jones - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dearest Punkie, We were so sorry to hear about Gary. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Blessings to you and all the family and loved ones.

Jesse & Darlene Williams McElreath - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Punkie,

I am praying for you and your family. Gary was a wonderful friend when we were teenagers. I have fond memories of the both of you.

*Love,
Kay*

Kay Coleman Wilson - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Punkie,

I am so sorry for your loss, and will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Love,

Catherine

Catherine Greenlees Crockett-Keim - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I grew up with Helen in Big Spring. I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Dana McCrary Sexton - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Punkie,

I am glad that you and Gary had many happy times and I am sorry about your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Shirley Hathorn Shroyer

Shirley Shroyer - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Punkie, Ben called me about Gary. I remember so many good times at the McCrary house when Gary, Jimmy, Ben and I played and scrapped. I'm sad for you and for your family. But I'm happy that Gary's ordeal is over.

Love

John Eddie Kinney - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Punkie, I was sad to hear about Gary. Remember our trip to New Orleans so many years ago? It was so much fun and I will remember Gary fondly. I hope you and your family are doing as well as possible under the circumstances. Get in touch. Love, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Nugent - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Punkie and children, your Gary was a special guy. Even as a teenager he had a ready smile and a special kindness about him.

Judy Reagan - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Punkie, that is the only way I remember you, my thoughts and prayers are with you and family on the loss of Gary. You made a terrific couple. May he rest in peace and think of the many memories you had. I have been there and memories are wonderful.

Sincerely,

Jackie Thomas

Jackie Thomas - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Pat. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Dave Ewing

Dave Ewing - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Our prayers of love are with you & your family during these coming days.

Eileen Farquhar Haney - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Helen, my dad emailed your brother's obituary to me. I haven't seen you since we graduated from BSHS...decades ago...I hope you are well and I am sorry to hear of your brother's passing....

Donna Reed Jenkins - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of your family, although no doubt the kids were too young during our mutual television days to remember the Gehbauers. We will always remember all the terrific work that Gary did. May the many wonderful memories you have give great comfort in the days ahead.

Kathryn Gehbauer - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Greatly saddened by the loss of Gary. Our lives go back to when he hid his comic books from me. A lifetime. Please know we share your loss and send prayers and thoughts to all of you.

Kathleen T. Grimes - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I wish to express sincere sympathy to Gary's family. He was a special guy,so friendly, that big smile, all through school in Big Spring, Texas. Just a neat person all around. Love and Prayers

Reba Riddle Harry - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your brothers passing, Helen. I am sure he was greeted at heavens gates by your mom and dad. Please let me know how you and your family are doing. I hope you will find comfort in your family, as I know they are your strength.

Vicki Annen Stewart - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM