



Gary Garner

June 21, 1948 - November 8, 2011

Gary Lynn Garner, 63 went home to be with the Lord at 8:35pm, November 8 surrounded by his loving wife of 45 years, and his children. Gary was born June 21, 1948 in Berkeley, California, to the late Helen Garner. He moved to Danville Arkansas when he was a teenager and met the love of his life, ?his lady?, Sandra Doster. They were married December 18, 1966. He then became the proud father of his 6 children, and father of many spiritual children. Thirty nine years ago, the call to the ministry that burned deep began. He pastored Ascension Life Christian fellowship and traveled the world preaching his passion, the gospel...the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and what that means to us. Those left to cherish the memory of Gary are his wife, Sandra, and seven children; Tracie Adams of Waldron, Arkansas, Lynn Garner of Danville, Arkansas, Wynema and husband Jeremy Clark of San Antonio, Texas, Monique Cook of Waldron, Arkansas, Aaron and wife Traci Garner of San Antonio, Texas, Andra and husband Rusty Alexander of Russellville, Arkansas and Joshua Garner of Russellville, Arkansas. He also leaves to cherish his memory eight grandchildren; Ben and Hannah Clark, Scotty and Lily Garner, Madison and Blaze Alexander, Lauren Cook, Ryan Nathaniel, and Reagan Adams and two sisters Glynel Pool and Sharee Gorman. Gary was preceded in death by his parents Helen and Glen Garner. Gary?s life celebration service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 11, 2011 at the Ascension Life Christian Fellowship in Danville, Arkansas with Pastor Ron Clark officiating. Arrangements and cremation are being entrusted

to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

KF

“Benefited greatly from his messages at the Bailey Bible Conferences. Just learned of his death.

Kenneth Finney - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RL

“Pastor Gary was a mentor and friend.

I will never forget the many, many great moments we had together! I will never forget coming to Conference and hearing him preach the Gospel. I will never forget the prayer drives in his blue van. I will never forget the trips to Tulsa together. I will never forget the many laughs, tears and arguments we had over the bible. The first time I heard Gary preach the Gospel I felt like I was born all over again for the first time! I will never forget the many rounds of golf together. I will never forget the words he spoke over my three children as he dedicated them to the Lord as infants. I will never forget the foundation of sound doctrine and theology he helped to build in my life.

We will meet again my friend.

Roger Legg - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ First and foremost, Pastor Gary Garner helped save my life in more ways than I can list. At a time when I had to make a decision, he wouldn't open his mouth. He allowed me to grow up, however, I feel he was watching me closer than I thought. He was a great pastor, great teacher, unselfish, loving, but most of all, a great friend. I will miss him, but I have felt his presence and heard him speak in my ears the last several times I ministered, his voice carries as the rams horn is being blown. Pastor Garner, I love you and thank you so much for being real, can't wait to see you again.

Allen Crew - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ In memory of Pastor Gary L. Garner - Your Pastoral and personal influence over the last 19 years was one of the most important personal events in my adult lifetime - my thanks are to our Heavenly Father for this relationship, and to you for being the man of God you were.

Rich Morton - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ The frist time I went to Ascension Life Gary came up to me. As uncomfortable as I was with any Pastor at the time, He spoke the truth to me, the most beautiful truth. just six words "you know your where you belong" I will always be greatful for the day my Father worked so wonderful through my Pastor to let me know I had been found.

Robbie lawson - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *I am rooted and grounded in the word today because of the teachings of Pastors Gary and Sandra Garner. I will never forget his ministry.*

marcia Tramel - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Joe and I are saddened to hear of Gary's passing. We send our love and sympathy to the Garner Family. We have been blessed to hear the finished work message from Gary and Wynema. Thanks for the lifechanging word.*

Kathryn Head - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Pastor Gary will always be so special to us - bringing forth the life changing message of Our Death, Our Burial and Our Resurrection with Christ ...I was on the pigtail in Arkansas coming back from their church when I really saw myself on the cross..I was instantly set free from my past and haven't been the same since. We will miss you Pastor Gary! Patsy and Terry Miller*

Terry and Patsy Miller - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *The continuation of your life surrounds us. Thank you for giving all of us consistecy as Progressive Truth throttles forward. I honor you!*

Monique Morphet - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ To the Garner Family,
I want to express my sympathy to you during your time of grief. God is blessed with another working angel in his house. You can look at what type of person Gary was by the support you receive from the people he touch and the family he raised and loved. God Bless!

Love,
Crump

Jeff Crumpton (Crump) - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dad, I really love you. I will miss you. The last full sentence my father ever said to me, was "Son, I am proud of you." I can imagine that is what his Father is saying to him today...go rest high on that mountain, dad!

Lynn Garner - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ The ministry of Pastor and Teacher Gary Garner reached to all corners of the world; Africa, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Canada, England, Trinidad, Tobago, Singapore, China, and all over the United States. Pastor Garner shared his heart and truths through 24 books, and over half a million tapes and CD's.

The Gospel Reaches Around the World - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I look back at the year Bobby and I lived in Arkansas as one of the best years of my life. Pastor Gary pulled the spiritual rug out from under me. He made me question, look at and study everything I ever believed until the holes in my theology began to be filled. I began to find a peace and relationship with Christ I had never known. Without his willingness to open his heart and home to us, I wouldn't have the spiritual stability or even the marriage I have today. He is one of the most influential men in my life.

Nicole Tucker - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Gary was like a father to me. No, he was a father to me. I gave my life to Christ in 1995. When I left Outreach For Youth, a rehab for troubled and drug addicted men, Gary invited me to Arkansas. I was not only going to study under his teaching but live in his home!! He invited me, a recent recovering addict into his home with his teenage kids! He saw who i truly was and then showed me! I moved back home to Ohio 3 months later, gripped by the finished work of Christ. a year later married my wife Nicole and we moved back "home" to Arkansas to study and serve Ascension Life. I owe my life to this man and his faithfulness to God. If he had not listened to what God was saying to him, I would have never been able to see what God was saying to me! Thank you Mom and Dad (Gary and Sandra) for taking me in and guiding me in "THE" direction!

Bobby Tucker - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I loved you and your spirit the moment I met you, thank you for taking a risk to preach an earth shattering message and truth that forever changed my life. It was and is my honor to love you and your family.

Tammy Hottel - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We in OKlahoma City, OK experienced a mighty shaking when Pastor traveled here in 1996 to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are forever grateful. He has been and will be missed greatly.

Roy E. Richmond - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Our lives were forever changed the day we met Pastor Gary Garner. Tears gently fell as I heard the Finished Work of Jesus Christ preached for the first time in my life in Danville, Arkansas in 1997. Tears are gently falling again only this time it is with sadness at the loss of a Great Champion of the Word of God!! I am so thankful to the Garner family for sharing Pastor Garner as he traveled the world sharing the Finished Work! I know that Pastor Garner is in heaven being embraced by Jesus and now encouraging us to continue the race!! We love and miss you Pastor Garner!! Our Love and Prayers to Pastor Sandra and the Children and grandchildren

Paul & Sue Nickel - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Thank you.

Calvin Gillis - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Want to Honor the teacher who helped establish us in the message of the Finished work.
A great person and teacher.

Ron and Rita Smith - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I am so sorry to hear your dad passed. I have fond memories of him when we were all growing up.

Kelli Kist - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ What a awesome man father husband,and teacher you will always be missed,cant wait to see you agin,

Wayne carr II - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I was saddened to hear of Gary's passing and extend my heartfelt condolences to his wonderful family, many of whom I have met personally. I remember when Scotty passed, Gary posted a picture of him on his website and wrote, "I will miss him but know he now with his best friend--Jesus."

The Word Gary preached to all of us will continue to go forth in the earth, perhaps even stronger than before. We'll all miss him.

Please know you have been in my thoughts constantly, and I will be praying for your adjustments to life without him here on this earth. He, too, is with his best friend.

Love you all.

Susie Todd - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ I will forever be grateful for years of inspiration and dedicated service.

"Rest in Him"

Wilma Allen - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I called him PaPaw. He fathered my father in the Lord in the Finished Work of Christ. Brother Gary had a God given ability to expose one to the Finished Work of Christ. I got it in Decatur AL. It totally changed my life and my ministry all these years later, I am still growing. He must have loved me much, because he allowed me to speak, in my immaturity, in one of his conferences. Later as I grew in the Lord, I realized that what I ministered that day was against what he believed. But he loved me right through it and did not sit me down. He is a true apostle of the faith. I remember when Scotty died, I told the Lord, if you have ever come close to making a mistake, it was taking him to heaven. The Lord revealed to me that the church is not only on the earth but in heaven also and Scotty was just promoted to oversee over the church. I know that when Scotty died, Brother Gary was there holding his hand as he stepped into the eternal realm. I believe that when Gary stepped over, he found his hand in Scotty's and they embraced and he saw his Savior for the first time together. You know, the next revelation that you get, it might just be sent by Gary and Scotty. Overseers over the Finished Work!!

Marion Pope - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ You Guys are in my thoughts and Prayers !!!!

Shirley Short - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ We are thinking and praying for your family.

Dilena, Jace, Steve and Maylee Ewing - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May the lord be with you during this sad time. Love and Prayers.

-Nikkita

Nikkita sandifer - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Sandra and family. You and Pastor were there for me when Pat died - let me know when or if I can help you in any way. Love with hugs,
Joanne Patek - Dallas, TX 214-202-1010

Joanne - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Our love and prayers are with you all. We will miss our pastor very much, and we are forever blessed and grateful for his ministry.

Paul & Carolyn Bynum - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Pastor Garner...Thank You for what you brought to the body of Christ. We are forever changed because of your ear to hear from the Lord and your obedience. You are a loved man and will be greatly missed by all, but your legacy will be heard thru the ages.

angie robinson - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I'm so sorry for your loss

Mandy - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ *He is at Home with the Lord. He was one of the best teachers of the Word I ever know. He will be remembered.*

Sharon Underwood - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Gary was and is the only man I called Pastor. my love and symphathy goes to all the Garners*

Mary Bock - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! Gary was a good man but I also know that he is in a much better place and so much happier now!!*

Andrea - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *Love you guys*

Emily parkhurst - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tammie Sheffner - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Gary was a bright spot in my day during the time I was fortunate to have spent with him. He is smiling that contagious smile and singing with the angels today! My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Sarah Sanders - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Thankful for the life that was lived and the lives he helped lead to Christ! Praying for the family at this difficult time. Love to all of you!*

Jennifer - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *I am a friend of LaDonna Hills and she has spoken of Gary and her church family often. Kathy Shope*

Kathleen - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and thankful Pastor Gary is whole once again.*

Herbert, Debbie & Jordan Catlett - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *Pastor Garner will be deeply missed. He helped me find my way out of the darkness and was a huge vessel of the word of God! Rest in peace brother.*

David vanRavensway - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *I'm remembering all the good times I spent with Pastor Garner, the messages I heard, the smile that was slow to come, lest he give away the fact that he was teasing, and the sparkle in his eye. He was such an impact on the lives of so many and will live on in the memory of all who were fortunate enough to know him.*

Regina Sansing - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Lisa and I send our love and prayers to the Garner family - may the Lord give comfort and peace to you all. Of all those the Lord touched through Gary (and the list is endless) his greatest legacy is his family and the reality of Jesus he sowed into each of you. We have all been changed through the ministry of Jesus through him, but you, his family, are the greatest testimony of the impact he had in Christ. Gary's imprint in our lives we will carry forever - for it was the imprint of Jesus.

We love you, David & Lisa Hughes

David and Lisa Hughes - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To repent means to change the way we think. The Gospel of the Finished Work of Jesus Christ, that you made clear unto us, has transformed the way we think and the way we live. MUCH FRUIT ABOUND as the result of what we heard and believed. The deposit made into our lives 17 years ago is doing what God intended it to do, for us and for those whom He gives us. We look forward to the day when we see you face to face. We won't have to try to tell you what you have meant to us all these years for you will know.

*Love Always,
The Meeks Family in Tennessee
Tracey & Dianna
Josh, Zach, Caleb & Rebekah
And since then.....
Rachel, Hannah, Nathanael, Priscilla & Samuel*

Tracey & Dianna Meeks - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ It was in Decatur, AL that I first met Brother Gary. I had been studying the epistles of Paul and praying Ephesians 1:17-23 for some time. That day, I heard the trumpet sound and had confirmed in my life the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. It is because of you that "in Christ" is a reality in my life. Thank you for being a faithful minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the grandstands of heaven you have a perfect view of the legacy you have left behind. You are greatly missed.

Linda Smith - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ So sorry for your loss Tracie. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Hona Tanner - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Gary is truly going to be missed We loved him dearly.

Wayne n Linda Carr - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I never met you in person but have met you in Spirit through so many teachers you taught who taught me. Thank you for your faithfulness Bro Garner. To the Garner family.....blessings and comfort to you all. The legacy of Gary Garner lives in those of us he taught.

Becky Dieter - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ There are no words for what you have lost but "God...give you peace and comfort. I love all of you very dearly and am lifting you up in my prayers. Love, Susan

Susan Crew - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Because of this man and his incredible obedience to God, we know who we are in Christ and have an understanding of Crucified, Died, Buried, Quickened, Raised & Seated! The legacy he has left in his teachings will remain for the ages!*

David & Karleen Spencer - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *You will be greatly missed. I love you so much. Love to the whole family. I look forward to seeing you again someday.*

*Love,
Michele*

Michele Mady - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Sandra and Family,
So sorry for the loss of your husband and Dad. Heaven gained a great man on Nov 8. I know my Dad was sure glad to see him. We love y'all.
Lisa*

Lisa Garner Peek - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Bro Gary you meant the world to me. Because of you I know who i am in christ. Thank you!!! I cherish all the memories. God gained a wonderful angel and i know you will be watching over everyone from above. Much love twanna*

twanna pledger - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ He was the closes physical representative of Christ, I have even had the honor to be around & given a massage. Gary you will be greatly missed! I love you & the Garner family very much. Even if I did not get to be around you as much as I wished. Your teaching will be with me for ever & will touch millions of lives. Thank you from the bottem of my heart!

Sharon Colbert - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Traci I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Kelli McCurry - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Thank you for all you've taught and shown throughout the years in establishing the foundation of Christ in my life.

Sandy Thomas - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ My deepest sympathy to you all. He was very loved!

Wes Ellis - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Brother Gary was a wonderful teacher and gentle spirit. Love to all of his family.

Mary Blagg Parker - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time

milton and mary sparks - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Tracie and Monique: I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. May God hold both of you close during this sad time of transition. My sincere sympathy to you and all your family.*

Keith Holleman - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM