



## Gary Michael Kelley

September 20, 1949 - July 10, 2024

Gary Michael Kelley, 74, of Gilmer, Texas was born on September 20, 1949, in Fresno, California, to Almous (Al) Garlin Kelley and Elizabeth (Betty) Louise Kelley and passed away from this life on July 10, 2024.

Gary worked with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local Lodge 653 as a journeyman technician for 37 years before retiring in 2011. After retiring, Gary spent most of his time team roping and caring for his horses.

Gary lived in California most of his life before moving with his wife of 40 years to Gilmer, Texas in 2021. Gary was full of life and always enjoyed a good time with his friends and family. He will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dawn Weiss-Kelley; daughters, Tracey Kelley-Valdez (Mark Valdez), and Brittani Lei Kelley (Mario Langone); sister, Charlotte Jean Squeri; brother, Almous (Al) Garlin Kelley (Claudia); grandchildren, Brittani BreAnne Henderson (Michael Henderson); Taylor Nichole Valdez, and Bodhi Kelley Bowden; and his great-grandchildren, Harlow Henderson, and Hendrix Henderson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Al and Betty Kelley.

Please visit Gary's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Tribute Wall

NF

“ Nancy F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Michael Kelley.

Nancy F. - July 18, 2024 at 08:05 AM

NF

“ We are so lucky to have met Gary and Dawn by chance at a dog show a few years ago. We came to embrace them as family and are heartbroken that Gary has left this earth. He was a wonderful human being who will be greatly missed. Know that he is watching over you, Dawn.

Nancy Failla - July 18, 2024 at 07:54 AM

BK

“ Oh dad!! If I would have known, I would have made the moments last a little longer...fly high my angel! I love you! ❤️

Brittani Kelley - July 17, 2024 at 12:56 PM

TK

“ Dad, I can't believe you're gone. It doesn't seem real. My heart is shattered in a million pieces. I would give anything just to talk to you again. My world is forever changed, you are irreplaceable! I love you dad forever and always.

Tracey Kelley - July 17, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Dawn, may you be comforted by the precious memories in your heart. Gary will be missed. Love and prayers Debra, James West and Neven Gill.

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**Debra Rosengartner West** - July 17, 2024 at 08:20 AM

KT

“ I will always remember Gary and My Sister (Debbie) dancing together every time we had a get together and there was music. Everyone stopped dancing to watch them rip up the dance floor. You will be missed my cousin. Love Kim

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**kim tobin** - July 17, 2024 at 04:41 AM

KK

“ Uncle Gary... so many fun memories with you! One of my favorites was at my wedding in 1997 when you & my brother had the dance-off to a popular hip/hop song at time. You were always the best dancer & life of any party. I will miss you so much my favorite Uncle! Love, Kara

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**Kara Kelley** - July 16, 2024 at 11:53 PM

BB

*I am so sorry Gary will be missed rest in peace cuz loveBev*

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**beverly bilbrey** - August 12, 2024 at 08:53 AM

LL

“ I always enjoyed Gary & Dawn. Always a bright spot in the days. Love and Prayers for Dawn and family 🙏🙏🙏💋

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**Lynn Lassotovitch** - July 16, 2024 at 11:36 PM

GV

*Hugs to Dawn and family. Praying for comfort and peace. Gary and Judy Vollrath*

**Gary Vollrath** - July 17, 2024 at 05:27 AM

DN

*So many great memories I'm so sorry Dawn Gary will be missed so much love and prayers.*

**Debra Nelson** - July 17, 2024 at 08:57 AM

TR

*May God wrap you with strength, comfort and Love. Thoughts and prayers for you, Dawn. Thinking of you, Tina Rosado*

**Tina Rosado** - July 17, 2024 at 09:09 AM

RS

*so sorry for your sorry.*

**RICHARD AND Barbara stadstad** - July 17, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JW

*So sorry Dawn. You had 40 years together. Hold those memories to heart. He will always be watching over you.*

**jean wallwin** - July 18, 2024 at 08:17 PM