



## Mr. Tommy Lynn Gary

May 19, 1954 - July 21, 2024

Tommy Lynn Gary, who died on July 21, 2024, at the age of 70, will be remembered for his quick wit and lasting impressions. He was born in Gladewater, Texas, on May 19, 1954, to Tommy Joe and Doris Briggs Gary, and he grew up with his older brother, Terry L. Gary. After graduating from Hallsville High School in 1972, he settled in Longview, where he raised his family.

Tommy's life took many different directions. He started as a steel worker, where he was nicknamed "Natural." After an accident hanging iron, he took on the role of Mr. Mom for a short time before he went into business with his dad at Gary Motor Company. Years later, he worked in the construction field operating heavy equipment.

While selling cars provided for his family, Tommy had several hobbies to fill his time off. He spent many early mornings on the lake, trying to catch the big one. He had a daredevil side that was freed when he hit the dirt track driving race cars. He went on to build East Texas Speedway with his brother-in-law, Bo Pepper, where the whole family spent their Friday nights working to entertain the folks of East Texas. He also enjoyed golfing and was an avid reader, particularly westerns. He loved both kinds of music - county and western. He was very proud of his two sons, Lynn (Susan) of Longview and Mark (Cameron) of Heath. They gave him four beautiful grandchildren that

lovingly named him T-Pop - Tucker, Olivia, Dabney and Greer.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Doris Gary Williams of Lufkin, his brother Terry (Susan) of Cypress, Karen Gary McFarland (Mike), and a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bina (B.W.) and Bettie Gary and Reverend and Mrs. Eugene and Florence Briggs, and his father, Tommy Joe Gary.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Gladewater Memorial Park Cemetery.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Gladewater Memorial Park

4716 U.S. Highway 80  
Big Sandy, TX 75755

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gladewater Memorial Park  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending condolences to all the family. So sad to hear of Tommy's passing. Met him so many years ago through my close as a sister friend Karen. I know he will be so missed by you all. Gone too soon for sure. Praying for peace and comfort to you all 🙏🙏🙏.*

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**Cilla Stafford** - July 25, 2024 at 08:45 PM

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“ *I remember the good times we shared with Tommy when we were teenagers. He was so much fun to be around! I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Barbara Coppedge Craig*

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**Barbara Craig** - July 23, 2024 at 03:42 PM