



Gary Ray Rotola

January 11, 1951 - January 14, 2022

Funeral services for Gary Rotola, 71 of Cypress, will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Burial, with military honors provided by the Lexington American Legion Post 6, will follow at the Burns Cemetery near Blue. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join in this celebration of Gary's life.

It is with extreme sadness that we announce Gary Ray Rotola passed away peacefully on Friday, January 14, 2022 in Tomball, TX. He was a big character who loved to tease and make others laugh. He will be deeply missed by many. He was passionate about hunting and fishing and was especially proud of his famous 10-foot alligator catch. He was also the Founder & President of our family's "I Ate a Bug Club" with the most recruits.

Gary was born in Houston, Texas on January 11, 1951 to Anthony and Janey (Heins) Rotola. He attended Sam Houston High School and went on to play football at Texas Tech. Gary joined the Marine Corps where he served in the Vietnam War. Upon his discharge, he worked many years as a Communications Technician for Southwestern Bell/ATT. On April 14, 2000, he married Shirley Stifflemire.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony Rotola and Janey (Heins)

Williamson, and wife, Shirley Rotola.

Gary is survived by his three sisters, Donna Steen of Tomball, Brenda & Eric Skaggs of Tomball, and Laurie Spano of The Woodlands; one brother, Boyd Williamson Jr. of Conroe, and many loved ones and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Brad Owens, Jaxson Owens, Gavin Owens, Rocky Jones, Dillon "DJ" Larson and Junior Trice.

Memorials may be made in his honor to Gary's favorite cause, The Trump Reelection Fund, or the Republican Party.

Cemetery Details

Burns Cemetery

4230 W FM 696
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Ray Rotola*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 21, 2022 at 12:35 PM

GN

“ *I pray that Gary's family will contact me so that I can share some wonderful memories of Gary in USMC. 281-221-6846.*

Gary Norris - November 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM

GN

“ *I served in bootcamp and in Vietnam the same time Gary did. Prayers to all his family. Fantastic Man. A gentle giant.*

Gary Norris - November 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TS

“ *3 files added to the album Fishing*



Tiffany Shirey - April 02, 2023 at 05:11 PM

TI

“ *The last thing you ever said to me was "Vote for Beto and you will be sorry" and I don't think you would have had it any other way lol. But just letting you know, I'm voting for Beto because you taught me how to be stubborn. Thanks for everything. Smell ya later.*



Tiff - January 25, 2022 at 11:22 AM

CS

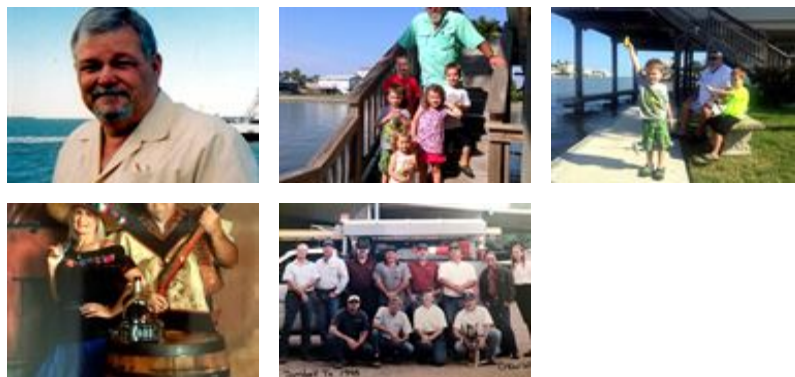
“ *Cheryl Sanders lit a candle in memory of Gary Ray Rotola*



Cheryl Sanders - January 23, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *64 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 21, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.



January 21, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.



January 21, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.



January 21, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.



January 20, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JF

“ Johnny, Jennie and all of our families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.



Johnny, Jennie and all of our families - January 20, 2022 at 01:39 PM

DP

“ I will always remember our first Hunt with you and Brenda, it was an amazing time! You were such a Gentleman and great shot! RIP my Friend.... You will be greatly missed!

Dianne Persall - January 20, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.



January 20, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.



January 20, 2022 at 08:58 AM

Lori
Shirey

“ *Nothing but fond memories of you peepaw. May you rest in peace*

Grateful to have been your daughter-in-law, love Lori

Lori Shirey - January 19, 2022 at 10:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.*



January 19, 2022 at 10:35 PM

LP

“ *Gary was an awesome funny guy. It was an honor to call him my friend. Prayers to all.*

Lynn Pittsley - January 19, 2022 at 08:24 PM

Judy
Bradley

“ *One special memory I have of Gary was in either in 1975 or 1976 when he became an Uncle for the first time with the birth of his niece. He was so excited!*

Prayers and condolences for all of Gary's family. May God comfort you today and tomorrow.

Judy Wann Bradley

Judy Bradley - January 19, 2022 at 05:23 PM

JB

“ *Judy Wann Bradley purchased the Delightful Dief fenbachia for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.*



Judy Wann Bradley - January 19, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.*



January 19, 2022 at 03:53 PM

BS

“ *Brenda and Sandy Sullivan purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.*



Brenda and Sandy Sullivan - January 19, 2022 at 11:46 AM

FV

“ *Deepest sympathies to family and friends. Gary will be missed.*



Fran Mendel Vater - January 19, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Ray Rotola.*



January 19, 2022 at 08:39 AM



“ *Condolences to family and friends.*

Frank Barron - January 18, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *RIP Gary. Prayers for family & friends. Sorry for your loss.*



Shirley Pace - January 18, 2022 at 06:45 PM