



## Gary Bruce Thompson

May 16, 1954 - May 6, 2026

It is with great sadness that we notify our friends and family of the death of our brother, Gary. He passed away at his home in Pearland on May 6. A Graveside Service will be held 1pm Monday, May 11th at Bushdale Cemetery with Pastor Matt Higginbotham officiating.

Gary was the second of four children of Berenice and Gordon Thompson, born in Houston, Texas. As the rest of us, Gary had a normal childhood, attending L.F. Smith Elementary, Queens Intermediate, and South Houston High School. After high school, Gary joined the U. S. Army. His basic training was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne serving in Europe. During his service, he made 32 static-line jumps.

After the Army, Gary attended San Jacinto College and received his Associate's Degree. From there he went to work at Schlumberger where he was employed for 45 years. He started as a welder and progressed up the corporate ladder and ended his career in Quality Control. While in Quality Control, he traveled the world doing inspections for Schlumberger. During that time Gary was known for his character, work ethic, and honesty. He is remembered by the numerous lifelong friends he met at Schlumberger.

Gary was an avid gardener. Many times, he brought his homegrown vegetables to family gatherings. Even today his garden is full of tomatoes,

green beans, and lettuce. If you knew Gary, you know that his passion was surfing. He spent his vacations surfing the hot spots in Texas, Hawaii, and Mexico. I am sure he caught a big wave right through the Pearly Gates.

Gary was a committed Dad to his daughter Gabriella. He is also survived by his three siblings: Harry (wife Janette), David (wife Jeannie) and Beverly Vaughn (husband Joe), one Aunt, Shirley Lindsey and one Uncle, William Dockall. He had six nieces and nephews, nine grandnieces and nephews, and numerous cousins spread all over Texas. He loved them all.

Gary was our brother and we loved him very much. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pearland. With the help of the Church, Gary found the strength to conquer the demons that had plagued him.

Gary will be buried next to his mother at Bushdale Cemetery in Rockdale, Texas. There will be a memorial service at First United Methodist Church in Pearland at a later date.

Memorials to Gary can be made to:

Bushdale Cemetery Association<sup>[[L]]</sup><sub>[[SEP]]</sub> PO Box 664  
Rockdale, Texas 76567

First United Methodist Church  
2314 N. Grand Blvd<sup>[[L]]</sup><sub>[[SEP]]</sub> Pearland, TX 77581

# Upcoming Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bushdale Cemetery  
2800 N. FM 908  
Rockdale, TX 76567