



Gary DeLaune

June 20, 1933 - February 8, 2022

Gary DeLaune age 88 of San Antonio, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Though his loss is felt deeply, it gives us great joy to think about the heavenly homecoming he received. His was an extraordinary life, lived to the fullest. Gary took his greatest joy in finding something amazing about every person he met.

Gary was preceded in death by his wife and one true love Jo DeLaune and is survived by his daughter Andrea DeLaune-Holley her husband Robert and their children Chase Holley and Avery Holley, son Shannon DeLaune, his wife Holly, and their children, Mason DeLaune and Madison DeLaune

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived will begin at 1:30 P.M. at Oak Hills Church, 19595 I-10, San Antonio 78257, on Friday, February 11, 2022. The family invites you to wear your favorite bright colors to celebrate a life lived in full color. A reception will follow at the Church. Private interment at Mission Burial Park North. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Gary DeLaune Memorial Journalism Scholarship Fund and can be made at any Frost Bank.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived

FEB 11. 1:30 PM (CT)

Oak Hills Church
19595 IH 10 West
San Antonio, Texas, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

BC

“ My condolences to the DeLaune family for your loss. People make impressions all their lives. Of course, we all knew his TV trademark with the wild sport coats and for his little signature phrases during game broadcasts (Ex: that shooter is more frustrated than a woodpecker in a tile factory!-I recall that one for sure.) I first met Gary when I was a junior or senior in high school. I kept stats and spotted for him in a Northeast Stadium broadcast booth during high school playoff games. I was just a grubby young high school kid trying to get into the business (I did) and lapped up opportunities to work with the pros like Gary. From that first moment, Gary was always very nice to me, and encouraging, which I always remembered. I know I told him that on more than one occasion. I had contact with Gary from time to time through my career and always tried to make a point to say hello and see how he was doing. I liked listening to Gary and Bruce Hathaway do their nostalgic Saturday morning show on 810AM a few years ago. It was like slipping on a comfortable pair sneakers listening to two guys who made an impact on me. I could go on. Just wanted to tell the family that Gary was a lovely man who made a lot of people feel good. I'm glad that I once had the chance to tell him so. Very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,
Bob Cohen

Bob Cohen - February 12, 2022 at 04:56 PM

DG

“ Gary had that unique ability to make everyone feel special. Anyone who ever knew him truly believed they were best friends. He lived his Christian faith to the fullest

David P. Green, MD

DAVID GREEN - February 12, 2022 at 08:33 AM

ML

“ Gary was indeed a 'treasure'. I enjoyed working with him at KENS-TV back in the 60's. I don't think I've ever known anyone who was as genuine as he was. He was one of the first to greet me when I started at KENS, after coming back to San Antonio from my first TV gig at KTRK-TV in Houston. Gary - May your memory be eternal!

Mike Lozano - February 11, 2022 at 06:26 PM

AF

“ My long time friend and fellow radio and television personality has passed away! To those of us that worked with him, he personified the word “broadcaster!” From covering the assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, to covering the Fiesta sniper in San Antonio and a million other stories... Gary Delaune was there. He was known for his colorful attire, his engaging wit and perpetual smile. There was not a person in the business that did not respect and love the man! We are all going to miss him but we know he is doing “play by play” up in heaven wearing a bright pink suit, pale pink shirt and a white belt, shoes and tie! Truly one of a kind 🙏 RIP my friend. Albert Flores

Albert Flores - February 10, 2022 at 05:51 PM

LB

“ I began a close personal relationship with Gary in mid-1990 when he approached me to assist in the creation of a video of a 1963 high school football game I played in. As background, the game was played at Alamo Stadium with attendance that exceeded 20,000. The game was between Lee High School (my school) and Brackenridge HS. The game was later named one of the best games in Texas HS football history. Gary, in collaboration with his son Shannon, did a “play by play” video from the press box at Alamo Stadium. The video not only had play by play commentary but also interviews with former school teammates and coaches. The video has been viewed by thousands. Gary was a professional and a visionary through out this process but more importantly we developed a close personal relationship.

*I will always cherish my time with Gary and will miss him dearly.
Rest in Peace “My Man!”*

Linus Baer #10

Linus Baer - February 10, 2022 at 01:03 PM

RS

“ Agreed, Gary was one of a kind.... From the outlandish sport coats, he once wore while on KENS TV, to the colorful introductions he gave to guest speakers at the SA Quarterback Club, to his unselfish nature and his love of high school football.... he truly stood alone! When my father passed away, Gary paid a heartfelt tribute to Red on his radio show. Gary later shared the written script with me, that I now have hanging on my wall!
Thanks to the DeLaune Family for sharing your father.
Gary will be sorely missed!

*Blessings,
Rick Shaw*

rick shaw - February 09, 2022 at 05:20 PM

JS

“ Gary was one of a kind. I will always remember our pre-game interviews and the way he respected and treated high school coaches and athletes...always positive. His including my family in our conversations was special and his friendship was much appreciated.

Coach Jim Streety

Jim Streety - February 09, 2022 at 04:37 PM

MS

I did not know Gary well, but I know several people that did. I never heard a negative comment from one person about him. What a full life lived!

Mike Stevenson - February 10, 2022 at 06:53 AM

BS

Gary was a phenomenal “word master” and could entertain a crowd with his amazing introductions of his guest speakers at the San Antonio Quarterback Club where he was the CEO. Most people and especially the speakers were amazed by his in-depth intros and they were always the hit of the meetings. He was a great guy and friend and will be missed by all.

Blake Stephens - February 11, 2022 at 07:23 AM

TA

For 35 years I was stadium announcer for NISD at Gus stadium and later at Ferris. During this time I also did the Bulls announcing and the Gunslingers. There were times, not frequent, but when Gary would come up to the booth and we would discuss happenings in the sports world. He would be like a "side-kick" with me. There will be a void in the sports scene without Gary and his flamboyant jackets. There is only 5 years difference in our ages and there will come a time when I will join him. May Gary rest in peace, and best to his family.

Tom Allison

Thomas G. Allison - February 11, 2022 at 09:26 AM

MB

Gary was my Sunday School teacher at Parkhills Baptist Church in the early 70's. He was so much fun and such a wonderful teacher. He knew the Lord and he is in heaven with his heavenly Father. I will always remember him for his kindness and his smile.

Markene Bennett - February 14, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Gary DeLaune.*



February 08, 2022 at 10:08 PM