



## Gaylan Ray Palmer

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Gaylan Ray Palmer passed away on March 25, 2017 at 82. After school he enlisted, serving as radio operator in the Army Security Agency stationed in Korea. After an honorable discharge he began work for Western Electric which became AT & T and later Lucent. He was a devoted son and loving husband, father and grandfather. Gaylan is survived by his wife Wanda, sons Kevin (Ruth) and Keith (Tracy); grandchildren Quinn, Zoe and Vika as well as stepbrothers Billy and I.B. After retirement Gaylan and Wanda enjoyed adventure travel to exotic places such as Africa on Photo safari, Churchill, Canada to see the polar bears, the Amazon to fish for Piranha, as well as Costa Rica, the Galapagos and Alaska. A graveside service is scheduled for Tuesday March 28, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Mission Burial Park North. Presiding over the service will be Gene Soland, retired Lutheran minister and long-time friend. Gaylan will be sorely missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W  
San Antonio, TX 78257  
(210) 698-5252  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

**MAR 28.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Our wives attended school together back during the Fifties (1950s, that is) and I must have met Gaylan at some point during the following 25 years. Since then, we've visited many times with Gaylan and Wanda, played cards with them, gone out for meals with them, and even attended many "girls' reunions" with them. Those nurse reunions always got very noisy, so Gaylan and I, often with other husbands, took every opportunity to find a quiet place where one could carry on a conversation. The two of us frequently found agreement on most important topics, politics, guns, cars, and other such topics. During most of these talks, I learned things about Gaylan and his family that impressed me. I found, and often mentioned to my wife, that Gaylan, after some 40 to 50 years of marriage, still was crazy in love with his wife. That's not that common in this period of history, so I still -- fondly -- remember that. When Wanda would say "That's something I've wanted all my life" Gaylan would smile and tell me "that translates to 'at least a few weeks'". Though Gaylan and I "went to different school together" we had several friends and acquaintances from those early years in common, but it was our wives that were the real connection.

I heard a brilliant and moving talk from his son at the service. He covered several points within that talk which were very true. I wonder if many who heard his words ever stopped to realize just how much truth they contained. I must admit I'd have never compared Gaylan with the modern convenience of "Google". But that comparison is pretty accurate.

Gaylan was quite a guy and won't be soon forgotten.

David and Margie

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David L - March 30, 2017 at 10:29 AM

DH

“ Gaylan was such a warm hearted individual. I agree with the William's family. He was always a good sport, even tempered, great host, good listener and a wonderful loving husband. He will be missed by all that knew him. My prayers and condolences. I wish, I could have attended the grave side service, I was there in spirit

Love,  
Denise Koehl Hanna

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Denise Hanna - March 29, 2017 at 09:52 PM

VM

“ Our condolences and prayers to Gaylan's family. We were so sorry we could not attend the funeral. Gaylan will be missed by many. I pray the many good memories will be remembered each and every day.

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Vicky Moore - March 29, 2017 at 09:21 AM

BS

“ I worked with Gaylan at Western Electric and Lucent for many years. My condolences to Wanda and to the family he was a good friend to me. he will be missed .

Barry Snowberger

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barry snowberger - March 28, 2017 at 05:52 PM

EH

“ My condolences to Wanda and the rest of Gaylan's family, He will be missed on earth, but will enjoy eternal life in heaven.  
I had many enjoyable days working with Gaylan. He always enjoyed a spirited discussion and was not shy about sharing his thoughts. He was a hard worker and always gave his best. I am proud to have been a friend.

*Ej "Bubba" Hartmann*

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**Ej Hartmann** - March 28, 2017 at 05:39 PM

LW

“ Gaylen was such a wonderful friend. We shared so many great times and laughs. We will miss him dearly. We will always remember how he was always willing to go along with everything his beautiful wife Wanda wanted to do, he was such a great sport. Those memories and more will always be in our heart.

*Love,  
Kevin, Lorraine, Jordan and Zachary Williams*

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**Lorraine Williams** - March 27, 2017 at 09:51 AM

HW

“ To All The Palmer Family May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your Family today and always. He is still and always will be a part of us. He is on a journey to a better place. Many Condolences To All.

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**Harold & Lillian Woolsey** - March 27, 2017 at 07:54 AM

HB

“ I worked with Gaylan at Western Electric he will be missed Hank Barron.

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**Hank Barron** - March 27, 2017 at 07:16 AM