



Gary L. Morgan

September 12, 1956 - March 29, 2025

Gary L. Morgan, 68, of Louisville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 29, 2025, surrounded

by his loved ones at Norton Brownsboro Hospital. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Buford

Morgan. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; his two sons, Jameson (Courtney) and Jordan (Annie);

and two grandchildren, Maeve Catherine and Rosalyn Josephine Delacroix.

He is also survived by

his sister-in-law, Donna Means; brother-in-law, Joe Means; his niece, Anne Means Carlsson; and

aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at Owen Funeral Home at 9318 Taylorsville

Rd. The funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 7 at the funeral home with

burial to follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff, KY.

Gary was a quick-witted, larger-than-life person who loved telling stories, tall tales, and jokes. Most

of all he enjoyed spending time with his loved ones. Gary was involved in his community and a

member of several organizations that were always focused on service to others. He was a hard

worker and generous in all facets of life.

He was born in Louisville, KY, on September 12, 1956, and was adopted by the late Buford Morgan.

After graduating from Green County High School, he enlisted in the Army in 1975, serving in the

82nd Airborne during the Vietnam War. He was exceptionally proud of his service to the United

States, though he seldom spoke about his experiences. Later in life, after starting a family, he

returned to education and graduated from Spalding University in Louisville, KY.

Gary met the love of his life, Teresa Morgan, while working as a paramedic for Louisville EMS. Later,

he became a flight paramedic, where he and Teresa worked together for Skycare. They quickly fell in

love and spent 39 wonderful years of marriage together. They enjoyed spending time with family,

friends, children, and grandchildren. Gary and Teresa were members of St. Matthews Baptist

Church, where they dutifully worshiped God in fellowship with their church community.

He loved being involved in his children's lives and coached them in many different sports, winning

championships and teaching valuable life lessons. Many people in Oldham County still called Gary

"Coach" over 30 years later, which meant the world to him. He never missed a sporting event his

boys played in and never missed a single life milestone. He was always present and always told his

sons he loved them and was proud of them.

Gary dedicated nearly 30 years to the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates

(KODA), where he played a vital role in coordinating transplants for numerous individuals in need of life-saving organs. His efforts made a meaningful difference in the lives of many families, allowing them precious time together. Gary was passionate about training KODA staff, and his legacy will endure long after his tenure.

Gary was a dedicated Freemason. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice at Lyndon Lodge No. 960 on May 22, 1986, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on July 24, 1986, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 25, 1986. He served as Master of Lyndon Lodge in 2013 and became a plural member of Louisville Lodge No. 400 in 2007 and Master of the Lodge in 2015. He also became a member of Sunset Lodge No. 915 in 2016, and Abraham Lodge No. 8 in 2022, where he served as Treasurer from 2023 until his death. He furthered his Masonic knowledge in both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite. In 1987 he became a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Louisville, where he received his 32nd degree in Masonry. Later, he was given the distinction of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2015. He also served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix from 2021 to 2022 and was privileged to become a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. In the York Rite, he was the first Treasurer of Abraham Chapter No. 196, Royal Arch Masons, and Illustrious

Master of Louisville

Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, in 2012. Additionally, he was a member of Louisville-

DeMolay Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar.

Lastly, Gary was a proud Shriner. He joined Kosair Shrine in 2001, later becoming Potentate in 2017

and serving as Treasurer from 2018 through his death. He was the Past President of the Shriners

Treasurer Association, but most of all, he was deeply honored to serve on the Board of Governors

for Shriners Children's Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. He was a loyal and faithful brother and was a true

Craftsman.

The family extends its deepest gratitude to the ICU staff at Norton Brownsboro Hospital. Their

unwavering compassion, professionalism, and kindness not only provided Gary with the best

possible care but also supported and comforted the family in their time of need. Their grace and

dedication will never be forgotten.

Donations can be made to the Shriner's Hospital Ohio / Dayton

<https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/fundraiser/6236536>

Cemetery Details

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

2501 N Dixie Blvd
Radcliff, KY 40160

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown
9318 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 266-9655
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown
9318 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 266-9655
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Theresa and family, I just learned of Gary's passing from Brenda D. I worked with Gary numerous times and truly appreciated his knowledge, kindness and assistance. My deepest condolences.
Debbie Krause, Retired, U of L, Dept of Surgery.

Deborah S Krause - May 29, 2025 at 07:22 PM

TM

So kind of you to share! He loved his work at UOFL. I hope you continue to carry fond memories and his contribution. Thank you so much for your expression of sympathy. We grieve the loss but celebrate his impact in others lives. We cherish his memory and your kindness to share. Grateful!

Teresa Morgan - June 07, 2025 at 12:13 AM

RK

“ Dear, sweet Terri. I was so surprised and saddened to hear about Gary's passing. I've been thinking about you (and even dreamed about you last night!) and wanted to tell you how incredibly sorry I am for your heart breaking loss. Sending you lots of love and hugs...and prayers for healing.

Roy Koons-McGee - May 01, 2025 at 07:53 PM

TM

Thank you so much. The world lacks color without him. I appreciate your kind words and always appreciate your friendship and support. Must have been a nightmare.
Prayers are getting me through! Thank you.

Teresa Morgan - May 21, 2025 at 09:33 PM

RR

“ Dear Teresa, Jameson, and Jordan, I was so sadden when my daughter shared this news with me about Gary. What a wonderful, kind man he was. For many years I would meet and greet Gray as he arrived at St. John after school and summer programs to pick up Jameson and Jordan from day care. He was one of my favorite parents! Always happy and wearing a smile! He rarely failed to take time and check out what the boys were enjoying with their friends before gathering backpacks to head home for dinner. May you all find peace and strength in the days ahead. God Bless each of you.
Renee Reynolds (Ms Renee).

renee reynolds - April 08, 2025 at 06:25 PM

TM

Thank you so much Renee. They have many fond memories of you and admit John's!!!

Teresa Morgan - April 26, 2025 at 07:29 PM

VD

“ From Gary's WKY girls (Vanessa and Sarah). We were trying to make it up there today for the visitation. We had to turn around because unfortunately a large portion of I-69/ WKY parkway is shut down due to flooding. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you as you go through the difficult days ahead. Gary is so special to us. We have great memories of working with him that we will cherish all the rest of our days. Sending love and hugs from Paducah.

Vanessa Dallas - April 06, 2025 at 10:34 AM

TM

Vanessa and Sarah, I totally understand. I hope you both are safe and unaffected by the flood and cont rising water. We saw the deviation on our way to the cemetery. I really appreciate your visit at the hospital and am ck fortes by the number of Koda employees who have reached out. It is so uplifting to hear his positive impact in the workplace and personal lives. That is all we can ask for in our walk of life. To live well seek mercy and love our fellow man.

Teresa Morgan - April 07, 2025 at 06:20 PM

TF

“ *The Carlsson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary L. Morgan.*



The Carlsson Family - April 05, 2025 at 09:12 PM

TF

“ *The Carlsson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Morgan.*

The Carlsson Family - April 05, 2025 at 09:12 PM

BP

“ *Brian and Chelsea Peel purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gary L. Morgan.*



Brian and Chelsea Peel - April 05, 2025 at 06:59 PM

LF

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Liz Whitlow Parson, Billy and Family - April 05, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



April 05, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary L. Morgan.

April 05, 2025 at 02:01 PM

MF

“ Mike, Judy, Ivalee True & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



Mike, Judy, Ivalee True & Family - April 05, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DR

“ Dave & Liz Reed purchased the Your Light Shine
s for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



Dave & Liz Reed - April 05, 2025 at 01:09 PM

DR

“ Dave & Liz Reed planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Morgan.

Dave & Liz Reed - April 05, 2025 at 01:09 PM

GM

“ Coach had such a positive impact on my sons growing up. I truly enjoyed coaching football and basketball with him for many years. There was never a dull moment whether it was during practice or a game. Gary always had great one liner to say to the referees. It was the best of times. Seeing the men our sons have become is a tribute to him. God bless Gary and the Morgan family. George and Cheryl McClain

George McClain - April 05, 2025 at 12:47 PM

TM

Thank you George! You and Cheryl invested far more. From Cheryl's love and nurturing at the day care to fostering our boys friendship. Then in football being the buffer, encourager and humor in all situations. Thanks for everything. Gary always left it on the field and in life.

Teresa Morgan - April 05, 2025 at 02:03 PM

TF

“ *The Mezias Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gary L. Morgan.*



The Mezias Family - April 05, 2025 at 09:22 AM

LR

“ *Terri, Jameson, & Jordan - We are all heartbroken to hear the news of Gary's passing. Gary was large than life. His personality and sense of humor were incredible. I always had the utmost respect and admiration for Gary, not only because of his immense talents, but for his dedication and love for his family. Since hearing of Gary's passing, the memories have flooded back. I have to laugh out loud when I think of the stories he shared and his incredible saying - that I have shared countless times - because he could truly capture the essence of situations and things with his sayings. You know he is in Heaven keeping everyone entertained with these. Please know you all (and even the new members of your family I haven't met) are in our hearts and prayers. God Bless You All. Dave, Liz & Meaghan Reed*

Liz Reed - April 04, 2025 at 07:02 PM

TM

Liz. Thank you I'm sure you had a range of emotions from laugh out loud to suppressing the urge to stifle him! The boys and I have fond memories of invading your office to watch the Pegasus parade. Thank you for your friendship, support and belief of him. He will be missed!!

Teresa Morgan - April 04, 2025 at 10:13 PM

DA

“ Douglas, Laura, Michael & the B.U. Arts purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



Douglas, Laura, Michael & the B.U. Arts - April 04, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



April 04, 2025 at 06:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary L. Morgan.

April 04, 2025 at 06:28 AM

HF

“ Homer & Family purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



Homer & Family - April 03, 2025 at 10:47 PM

HF

“ Homer & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Morgan.

Homer & Family - April 03, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ I will always remember Gary quite fondly from the time I started working in Kentucky in 2011 as a transplant surgeon. He was a caring and compassionate human being who believed in the mission of organ donation and saving lives. I never had the opportunity to meet his family, but I can only imagine that they are tremendous people. My thoughts and prayers are to them as well. I have no doubts that Gary left a lasting and positive impact to everyone around him and he will be missed.

Malay Shah - April 03, 2025 at 12:06 PM



I forgot to mention this to his wife, children and grandchildren... while I never had the opportunity to meet you, Gary spoke so highly of all of you. He was most proud of his family. You guys meant everything to him.

Malay Shah - April 03, 2025 at 12:15 PM

TM

How kind of you! We take such pride and comfort in hearing those stories! Thank you for sharing and honoring him memory. He leaves a huge void!

Teresa Morgan - April 03, 2025 at 11:46 PM



Gary would call the pain clinic to speak with Teri and ALWAYS asked to speak to his bride. Loved that!!!

B - April 04, 2025 at 06:30 AM

TM

Love u B! Thank you!

Teresa Morgan - April 04, 2025 at 06:49 PM

AJ

“ Gary had such a massive personality. Our staff meetings were sure to give good laughs when they involved his participation. He was quick-witted and at times appropriately pompous. He made a huge impact on everyone who worked with him and we were all better for it. I cannot imagine the loss for his family. He always spoke so highly of Teresa and his boys.



Amanda Jolly - April 03, 2025 at 09:50 AM

TM

Love the photo and memories thank you so much! He loved his work family and any opportunity to make them laugh

Teresa Morgan - April 03, 2025 at 11:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. Morgan.*



April 02, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary L. Morgan.

April 02, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



April 02, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ How do you pick a memory to share when there are so many great ones. Gary cared and loved more deeply than anyone I've ever known. Behind his own family, he loved my two sons so dearly. We would spend hours on the phone after our sons football games rehashing every play. My favorite Gary quote is “if you don't like my fruit don't shake my tree”! Rest in eternal peace and may Teresa, Jameson, and Jordan find comfort is knowing that Gary's legacy as a fine man will live on in the lives he touched.

Kathy Scott - April 02, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ The Sieweke's purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gary L. Morgan.



The Sieweke's - April 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary L. Morgan.*



April 02, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ *It is with sincere sadness that I send you my condolences. I remember Gary and Darrell talking about Shriners. Rose and Bernell always loved you and Gary and the boys. I know the pain of losing someone that you dearly love with all your heart. Prayers that God will help you to find peace during this time.*

Glenda Turner Emerson - April 02, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ *Gard & I worked together at KODA for almost 25 years. He was a friend who was there if needed, ready to share a funny tale & had a passion for organ donation. Rest in peace my friend until I see you in heaven* ❤️ 🙏

Connie Roemer - April 02, 2025 at 11:58 AM



I remember your name. Thank you!!

Teresa - April 02, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *Gary was a very good human being. A good leader who took his duties seriously.*

Randy Coe - April 02, 2025 at 11:33 AM

TE

*He respected you and often expressed the exceptional role models who went before him as an influence. His moto "Honor the past celebrate the present prepare for the future reflected his regard for the foundation built
Thank you sir*

teresa - April 02, 2025 at 02:44 PM

LB

I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I worked at KODA in the Lexington office. I fondly remember doing my first case in Louisville with him. He was always very nice and kind to me. Gary could definitely keep me laughing!!! He was a great guy! Lara Blake

Lara Blake - April 05, 2025 at 12:28 PM