

Gary Della Croce Sr.

April 17, 2024

McALLEN-- Gary L. Della Croce, Sr., 75, loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather passed away gently and peacefully on April 17, 2024.

Gary was born in McAllen, Texas, April 27, 1948 to Anthony F. Della Croce, Sr. and Sara A. Della Croce. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Anthony, and son Gary, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Ann Langford Della Croce of McAllen; his daughters Rachel Vangsnes (Evan) of Georgetown, Texas; Gwyn F. Della Croce of Austin; Michelle Spence (Jim) of McAllen; and Lori Della Croce of Dallas. Gary is also survived by his sister Mary Lou Fehr (Bruce) of Houston and his grandchildren Trenton, Edie, Basil, and Shiloh Vangsnes of Georgetown; Shana Maldonado of McAllen and Ryan Barela of Houston; and great-granddaughter Helena Cervera of McAllen. He is also survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

Gary was a member of Storehouse Community Church, where he was a leader and mentor for the young men in the community, enjoying conversations about his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and offering prayer freely. His favorite scripture was Psalm 91. He was also passionate about being a Children's Leader in Bible Study Fellowship for many years. Born and raised in McAllen, Gary managed and owned a family business, The Executive Steakhouse, a local favorite restaurant for many years. A dedicated health insurance broker, Gary served clients throughout the Valley for 35

years. He adored his role as Santa Claus for 10 years, lifting the spirits of children and families in children's hospitals, schools, churches, and non-profit organizations. He started his Santa Claus career at Jenny Hollis Photography and continued delighting children's hearts and bringing smiles to their faces year after year.

The family extends our love and gratitude to the people who have cared for Gary for the past two years;

Dr. Ashukem, Dr. Arain, Dr. Owens, and everyone at Edinburg Regional, McAllen Medical, and Hermann-Memorial. We are forever grateful for the love and lifesaving care shown Gary.

The family suggest that friends make memorial contributions to C.A.M.P. University in McAllen (www.campuniversity.org) in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

A celebration of Life

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Gathering of friends and family

APR **20**. 4:00 PM (CT)

City Cafe
2901 N. 10th St., Ste H
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Gary always I mean always prayed before I departed whether for a evening or for years in another city. He blessed my life with mentoring along with his wife Anne. They kept me sane in this insane world. He even took the time from his busy schedule to move me to North Texas 11 years ago. I was truly blessed to return in the month of March to spend time with he and Anne and it was as if I had never left. He was a great man of God who truly blessed every life he touched. Thank you God for sharing him with all of us.
Catherine Sims

Catherine - April 22, 2024 at 12:56 PM

SL

“ He walked the walk. A Christian to emulate.

Susan Lowry - April 20, 2024 at 08:38 PM

JH

“ Jim and Jane Ellen Humphrey

Jane Ellen Humphrey - April 20, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jaime and Catherine Peña - April 20, 2024 at 05:18 AM

JP

“ Our (Jaime Peña and his wife, Catherine) send love, condolences and prayers for the family. Gary and Jaime both worked together selling insurance 30+ years ago. We remember Gary as a very kind and loving man, who enjoyed time with his family. He will be remembered fondly.



Jaime and Catherine Peña - April 20, 2024 at 05:17 AM

BJ

“ Gary, Rest In Peace!!! Fond memories when my father would takes to the Executive Steakhouse (Pecan & 23rd) every Saturday night for dinner. You would always greet us with smile. Steaks were 1st class but so were the homemade pies (banana)

Baldemar Garcia, Jr. - April 19, 2024 at 10:04 PM

PO

“ A gentle giant. My prayers are for the family and thanksgiving for his peace. Love Pam O’Conner

Pam Oconner - April 19, 2024 at 03:41 PM

MN

“ Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers and have our very deepest sympathies.
God Bless you,
Morris, Carolynn and Family

Morris & Carolynn Nelson - April 19, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BA

“ *...a true, old - style GENTLEMEN...wish there were more like*

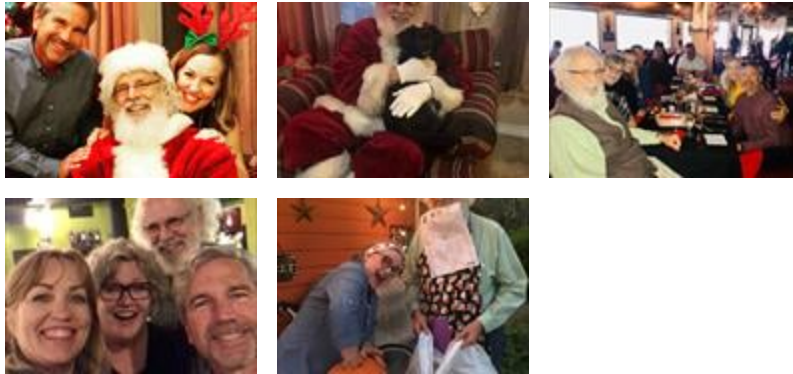
Gary; and importantly more like him coming along...prayers and blessings,

Ben & Melissa Abbitt

Ben and Melissa Abbitt - April 19, 2024 at 12:45 PM

PK

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



PATTY KLEMENT - April 18, 2024 at 12:46 PM

PK

“ *Oh sweet Gary, I can not express how much you have impacted both Jon's and my life through your walk and witness of Jesus Christ! We have so many beautiful memories of both you and Ann. We will miss you, but rejoice for you as you have entered the gates of Heaven. We will see you again.*

PATTY KLEMENT - April 18, 2024 at 12:22 PM