



## Gary D. Boland

January 19, 1955 - October 2, 2023

Went to be with the Lord Jesus on Monday, October 2, 2023 at age 68, in his home surrounded by his family. Survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Nancy (Reagan); children, Jennifer (Jake) Phillips, Ryan (Heidi), Nathan and Kristin (Colby) Stratton; grandchildren, Ethan Phillips and Finley Boland; brother, Robert (Jacalyn); niece, Shannon Boland; mother-in-law, Valerie Fingland; and many beloved extended family members.

Gary was born on January 19, 1955 where he grew up in the 19th Ward of Rochester, NY and later moved to Greece, NY. He lived with his father, mother, older brother and later on his two cousins and grew up with a large extended family. He went on to graduate from Greece Arcadia High School where he was active in many sports but especially football. At the age of 19 he went to work at Kodak where he invested 45 years supporting his family. He accepted Christ into his life at the age of 25 and started attending Open Door Baptist Church in 1980. His entrance into the church was also where he met his wife Nancy in 1981 and later married in 1983. Between 1986 and 1993 Gary and Nancy welcomed four children: Jennifer, Ryan, Nathan, and Kristin. A majority of Gary's time went to church ministry, youth athletics, supporting his children, family weekends at Keuka lake, and being a mentor to many.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Gary's life on Monday, October 9th at 2pm at Open Door Baptist Church, 350 Chili-Scottsville Rd. Churchville, NY 14428 or may livestream at [opendoorchili.org](http://opendoorchili.org). The family will greet friends at

the church immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Open Door Baptist Church or Beachside Baptist Church, New Smyrna Beach, FL.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Open Door Baptist Church  
350 Scottsville-Chili Road  
Churchville, NY 14428  
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# Tribute Wall

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“From: Pam Samuels (Jutsum): My dear cousin Gary played an integral role in my life while we were growing up. My first memories of him were of Aunty June holding him in her arms and saying, to me, “this is Baby Gary.” From then on he was known as Baby Gary and was a source of fascination to me as a 6 year old. After he’d turned One she announced that they were no longer calling him Baby Gary. What? I was quite upset. But that’s his name! As Baby Gary grew into childhood he and my brother, David, were constant companions when we got together with the Boland family. We’d see them several times a year, for Easter, Thanksgiving and the Summer adventures at Conesus and Keuka lakes. Gary and David, in full cowboy regalia, would play for hours together. I wear his memory like an invisible tattoo on my arm, a constant reminder of how family, and his presence in my life, made me me feel secure and part of something much bigger than myself. I carried this with me throughout life, and although I wasn’t able to see Gary during my adult years he was always with me in my heart. I’m so grateful that I was able to spend time with Gary on my visits home in 2016 and 2018. He was so exuberant, so full of life and clearly enjoying every minute of it. We had a riotous time recalling family members and our impressions of them when we were children. He was just so much fun to be with, and I was looking forward to spending more time with him when I visited again. Unfortunately the pandemic prevented me from doing that. Now we’re all sharing hm with the Lord, but I’m sure Gary is looking down at all of us from Heaven and still having a laugh. He won’t be resting, and he definitely won’t be peaceful, but he’ll be livening up the crowd with his wit and his charm. I will always hold a special love for him in my heart.

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**Pam Samuels (Jutsum)** - October 12, 2023 at 04:02 PM

DS

“ I went to Arcadia with Gary. I never actually knew him ...just ,maybe, a "Hi" here and there. So sad to hearing of his "passing"! My prayers are with the family!

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**DAVA SCHMERBECK** - October 10, 2023 at 10:13 AM

GM

“ My condolences to the Boland family, I met Gary in the gym at Hacienda Del Rio and we talked offen. He loved working out in anyway he could from biking to swimming or working out in the gym. My he rest in peace and all his family members find peace in all their great memories of him.

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**Gary Marlborough** - October 09, 2023 at 08:40 PM

FK

“ My condolences to the entire Boland family on the loss of Gary. I had the honor of working within Building 58 and meeting Gary in the mid 80's to early 90's, and then later in my career, worked with him in his last years in Building 326. Without Gary's technical expertise and devotion to ensuring that Kodak continues on, the movie "Oppenheimer" would not have been completely made on film.

*His knowledge and interests (scuba, biking, war history, and religious beliefs were all topics I had discussions with him), and I pray that he has met his just reward for living a good life sharing his love and the talents borrowed from our Lord. He was a very good human and he will live in my mind now until my time of Judgement comes.*

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**Fred Knauf** - October 09, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ We are thinking of you all. Gary was such a part of our kids lives in children’s ministry. We are so thankful for his influence on the kids and on the adults. He was such a joy to be around. We appreciate the investment he made into our family. Wish we could be there. With love, the Mincer family.

Heather Mincer - October 09, 2023 at 08:30 AM

RK

“ So sorry to learn of Gary's passing....I worked with him many years at Kodak and we shared many laughs & stories together....He was a great guy and will be very much missed.....God Bless to him & his wonderful Family....Roy D. King

ROY DONNELL KING - October 08, 2023 at 03:05 PM

BB

“ My prayers to Gary and his family . I worked with Gary at Kodak in buildings 58 and 326. He is a very good and inspirational friend . A wonderful child of Jesus . I will pray on Monday for Gary and his family . Heart fully, Bill Behnke

Bill Behnke - October 07, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary D. Boland.



October 06, 2023 at 05:05 PM

WS

“ William S. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gary D. Boland.



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William S. - October 06, 2023 at 01:12 PM

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“ William S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary D. Boland.

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William S. - October 06, 2023 at 01:12 PM

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“ My sisters & I were blessed to of met Gary at a young age. He was our teen leader for several years. He was fun and very knowledgeable. Gary broke my first bone ever. ( lol ), getting in his van through the side door. I held onto the post between the front and sliding door. He close the front passenger door and my thumb was there. I screamed ( poor Nancy I screamed in her ear ) . Gary will be missed by my family and I. But , knowing we will see him again in heaven . But, in the mean time we have all the wonderful memories to cherish. Praying for you Nancy , your kids and grandkids. Love you all very much. Love Kathy Newey

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Kathy Newey - October 06, 2023 at 11:32 AM

PK

“ Paula K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary D. Boland.

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Paula K. - October 06, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary D. Boland.*



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October 06, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *My condolences to Nancy and the family. There are so many memories of cousin Gary. One memory he would tell me is when I would play with my Barbies and he would have his G.I. Joe's. We also played cowboy and Indians. We both had cowboy outfits. I'll always remember the fun at the cottage. I couldn't wait to wake up and head down to the beach to swim. I'm going to miss exchanging our January birthday wishes. Love you cuz!*

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**Susan Stjohn** - October 05, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family. Cousin Gary was a great guy. He always went out of his way to make everyone feel like family.*



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**David Leon Darby** - October 05, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary D. Boland.*



October 05, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ *To the Boland family ~ out deepest condolences on the loss of your father~ Jody and David Hare*



**jody hare** - October 05, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences. He was a wonderful, Christ-filled man. Kirk and Beth Widlund*

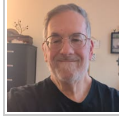
**Elizabeth Widlund** - October 05, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home** - October 05, 2023 at 02:10 PM



*Gary was my youth leader when I was a crazy, mixed-up teenager. He helped me become the man I am today. Gary, I miss you, my brother in Christ. Can't wait until we are reunited in Jesus' presence! Thank you for pouring into me what I needed back then.*

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**Mike Bruni** - December 02, 2024 at 10:23 PM