



Gay Higley

September 22, 1959 - March 7, 2026

Gay Higley, a woman defined by her tireless work ethic and her unwavering devotion to her family, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Born in Dallas, Texas, on September 22, 1959, Gay attended Duncanville High School. In June of 1982, while both were working at the Dallas Times Herald, she met Dave Higley. They were married on May 27, 1983, beginning a partnership that would span over four decades of life and business.

Gay and Dave worked together at the newspaper and later at Deluxe Check Printing before Gay decided to follow a new path. She pursued her calling in cosmetology and began cutting hair 27 years ago. In January 2005, she and Dave opened Hair Villa together. Gay was the hardest-working woman many ever knew; she cared deeply for her clients and took immense pride in the business they built together.

Outside of the shop, Gay found her joy in the details of her home. She was passionate about decorating, gardening, and landscaping, and she always kept a watchful eye out for the hummingbirds she so loved.

Above all else, Gay's life was centered on a fierce love for her family. She was a devoted mother to her boys, Russ and Casey, and she took immense pride in the men they became. That love only expanded as her family grew. Being a "Nana" was her ultimate calling; she adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and made it her mission to spoil them at every possible opportunity. She was the heart of her family, and her presence was a constant source of strength.

Gay is survived by her husband, Dave; her sons and daughters-in-law, Russ and Jonie McCabe, and Casey and Scarlett McCabe; her granddaughters and their fiancés, Katie McCabe and Cody Singleton, and Hannah McCabe and Garrett Tims; her grandsons, Bentley and Jett; her great-granddaughters, Ava Jo and Maddox; and her great-grandson, Paxton.

Celebration of Life

A service to celebrate Gay's life and legacy will be held on Monday, March 16th, at 11:00 am at Byrum Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Byrum Funeral Home Chapel
425 N. Dallas Ave.
Lancaster, TX 75146

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *My dear Gay,
You have been such a good, compassionate friend to me and my daughters for as long as I can remember. I will hold you in my heart forever. You are such a beautiful soul. I will miss you dearly. I look forward to seeing you again one day. Love to you and your family.*
Renee

Renee Dennis - March 18 at 05:46 PM

LC

“ *Lois Whisman/Sharon Camarillo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gay Higley.*



Lois Whisman/Sharon Camarillo - March 14 at 07:23 PM

LC

“ *Lois Whisman/Sharon Camarillo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gay Higley.*

Lois Whisman/Sharon Camarillo - March 14 at 07:23 PM

DT

“ *Danny & Judy Traskell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gay Higley.*



Danny & Judy Traskell - March 14 at 11:59 AM

DT

“ Danny & Judy Traskell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gay Higley.

Danny & Judy Traskell - March 14 at 11:59 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gay Higley.



March 14 at 09:22 AM



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

March 14 at 09:22 AM

SM

“ Gay was always a joy to be around. From our younger years growing up and spending time at the pool to her doing my hair and helping my Mom look "gorgeous" for her 50 year class reunion, Gay was always loving and caring. She will be so missed. May God be with the family and may you have peace and comfort knowing she will always be watching over you.

Sherry Edwards Morgan

Sherry Edwards Morgan - March 12 at 07:50 PM

GA

“ Gary A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gay Higley.

Gary A. - March 12 at 07:43 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gay Higley.



March 12 at 03:53 PM



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

March 12 at 03:53 PM

BF

“ Brown Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Gay Higley.



Brown Family - March 12 at 02:18 PM

GL

“ Gail Szymczak, Caleb Stripling and Lori purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gay Higley.



Gail Szymczak, Caleb Stripling and Lori - March 12 at 01:59 PM

GL

“ Gail Szymczak, Caleb Stripling and Lori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gay Higley.

Gail Szymczak, Caleb Stripling and Lori - March 12 at 01:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gay Higley.



March 12 at 11:40 AM



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

March 12 at 11:40 AM

ZB

“ Zeta Phi Brothers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gay Higley.



Zeta Phi Brothers - March 12 at 09:23 AM

SA

“ Sandra A. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gay Higley.



Sandra A. - March 11 at 04:44 PM

DM

“ Donna M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gay Higley.

Donna M. - March 11 at 03:19 PM

DR

“ David and Janice Roth purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gay Higley.



David and Janice Roth - March 11 at 10:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gay Higley.*



March 11 at 10:26 AM



“ *Tim Templeton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gay Higley.*



Tim Templeton - March 11 at 10:05 AM



“ *The Jenkins Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gay Higley.*



The Jenkins Family - March 10 at 07:17 PM



“ *Lisa & Jim Cook lit a candle in memory of Gay Higley*



Lisa & Jim Cook - March 10 at 06:29 PM



“ *Meadows of Memories was purchased for the family of Gay Higley.* ”



March 10 at 05:20 PM