



## John Harding Gary Jr.

November 14, 1943 - February 20, 2024

John Harding Gary, Jr. was born November 14, 1943 in Plaquemine, Louisiana and passed from this life on February 20, 2024 in Dallas, Texas.

John had many accomplishments that meant the world to both he and his family and friends. He was a U.S. Navy Combat Corpsman for 8 years, 1 month, and 5 days. He was also the Chief Radiological Technician at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center for 35 years. He was also part of the Color Guard for the St. Francis branch of the Knights of Columbus as well as being a part of the Boy Scouts of America as both a scout and leader for over 50 years. Through all of the many accomplishments in his life, he held in very high regard his time with the Boy Scouts. He was a scout as a young boy then a scout leader as an adult. He mentored and trained hundreds of scouts. Today many grown men are saddened and brought to tears by his passing. Mr. John Gary was the one who helped mold them into the men they are today.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John H. Sr. and Victorine Gary; his step-mother, Beverly Rivet; and his step-brother, Jimmy Watkins.

John is survived by his wife of 56 years, Estrella; his sons, Matt Gary, Chris Gary and wife, Sandi; his grandson, John R. Gary; his sister, Judith Heck; and his brother Barry Gary.

The family will receive friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at Byrum Funeral Home Chapel with a rosary beginning at 6:00pm. A funeral mass celebrating John's life will be at 10:00am on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lancaster with interment to follow at Laurel Land Memorial Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Laurel Land Memorial Park

6000 S. RL Thornton  
Dallas, TX 75232

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Francis of Assisi Catholic  
1537 Rogers Ave  
Lancaster, TX 75146

# Tribute Wall

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“ Darrell & Sandy Serrett (cousin) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Harding Gary Jr..

Darrell & Sandy Serrett (cousin) - February 27, 2024 at 05:09 PM

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“ Darrell & Sandy Serrett (cousin) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Harding Gary Jr..



Darrell & Sandy Serrett (cousin) - February 27, 2024 at 05:09 PM

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“ Pat and Betsy Metcalf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Harding Gary Jr..

Pat and Betsy Metcalf - February 27, 2024 at 12:31 PM

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“ Pat and Betsy Metcalf purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Harding Gary Jr..



Pat and Betsy Metcalf - February 27, 2024 at 12:31 PM

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“ John Gary was an important man in the lives of our sons, Michael and Charles Garst. His work with the Boy Scouts helped make our sons better men and we appreciate all of his efforts. --Pat and Betsy Metcalf

Elizabeth A Metcalf - February 27, 2024 at 12:23 PM

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“ Jeff Williams & Darla Houser purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Harding Gary Jr..



Jeff Williams & Darla Houser - February 26, 2024 at 03:19 PM

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“ Kerry, Dana, Amanda, Jesse & Richard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Harding Gary Jr..

Kerry, Dana, Amanda, Jesse & Richard - February 26, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of John Harding Gary Jr..



February 26, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ Cheri Grooms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Harding Gary Jr..

Cheri Grooms - February 25, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Harding Gary Jr..



February 25, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Harding Gary Jr..



February 24, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Harding Gary Jr..



February 24, 2024 at 10:14 AM