



Gary James Valentine Jr.

June 6, 1968 - October 6, 2019

Gary James Valentine Jr., 51, of Houston passed away suddenly at his home on Sunday, October 6, 2019. Gary was born June 6, 1968 in Rochester, New York to Angela and Gary Valentine. He was preceded to Heaven by his father-in-law, James Kaminski. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Kallie, his children Lauren and Chase, his mother and father, his mother-in-law Christine Kaminski of East Aurora, New York, brothers Craig (Michelle) of Colleyville, Texas and Adam (Kim) of Rochester, New York, sisters-in-law Kristin (Brian) White of Boise, Idaho, and Jennifer (Paul) Ditta of East Aurora, New York, brother-in-law James (Jessica) Kaminski of Park City, Utah, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Gary grew up in Rochester, New York and graduated from Gates-Chili High School, where he was a member of the varsity football team. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Buffalo, where he was Quarterback and where he met Kallie. Football played an important role in his life and he remained a Buffalo Bills fan no matter where he lived. Gary had a successful career as a senior executive in the talent acquisition industry, which ultimately brought his family to Dallas, Texas and then to Houston.

An avid golfer, Gary was a member of Royal Oaks Country Club, where he enjoyed playing with his family and with the same group of friends as often as

he could. Gary was a talented guitarist and music was always present in the Valentine home. Gary had an affect on everyone he met with his notorious sense of style, his almost irreverent sense of humor, and his uncanny ability to bring the best to every room, every group, every team he touched. Gary was warm and outgoing, with a personality that matched his smile. He brought a little bit of sunshine into the lives of all who were lucky enough to know him. Gary loved his family above all else.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 p.m. at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A funeral mass will be held Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Vianney Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. Visit www.DettlingFuneral.com to send flowers and leave words of condolence for the family. Donations in Gary's memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall



“ Gary James Valentine Jr.

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Gary James Valentine Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ Gary James Valentine Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ Gary James Valentine Jr.

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *didn't know him*

zach - May 17, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Gary was my very first boyfriend. He was gorgeous, funny and had the best clothes. I loved his crazy loud Italian family and think back to those days often. Something tugged at my heart to visit this page. I hope the Valentines are doing ok. Love, Rhonda*

Rhonda Bates - May 04, 2021 at 08:20 PM

CV

How are you doing?

Craig A Valentine - January 18 at 07:14 PM

JP

“ *I'm so very heartbroken. I just learned about Gary's passing yesterday. Since we last talked I always thought that at some point we'd catch up. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones, as I know he had many.*

Jim Prokop - January 14, 2020 at 07:38 PM

DH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all in Gary's family on his tragic loss. Gary was our director years ago at Kelly Engineering Resources in Rochester and Buffalo NY, and he was one of the sharpest people I've ever known. Definitely someone to look up to. I'm so glad to have know Gary. He will be sorely missed.*

David Hart - October 28, 2019 at 06:04 PM

GD

“ *Gina D'Ambrosio lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.*



Gina D'Ambrosio - October 28, 2019 at 09:20 AM

GV

“ *Gianna Viele lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.*



Gianna Viele - October 23, 2019 at 10:21 PM

GD

“ *Dear Kallie, Lauren, and Chase,*

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Unfortunately, I found out today. I'm in total shock. Gary was a wonderful person. He was personable, passionate, and always went out of his way for his team.


I will truly miss him, but I will always have great memories of the times we spent together.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Love always,

Gina D'Ambrosio

Gina D'Ambrosio - October 23, 2019 at 07:28 PM

 Amy
Monin
Cappuzzello

“ *Amy Monin Cappuzzello lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.*



Amy Monin Cappuzzello - October 14, 2019 at 08:49 AM

EP

“ I am just Back From being with Kallie, Chase, and Lauren, and All of us that went... The love for you and our sense loss was equally great. Gary if I could give my life and have you come back, I would in an instant. We were never meant to to loose you so soon. I hope there is peace for you in eternal rest, and I hope we can all come together to share in our love when we join you in the years to come, until then I will shed many tears at your memory, as I know we all will.

Eugene Pacelli - October 13, 2019 at 04:20 PM

LM

“ Angela, Gary & Family,

I am so saddened to hear of Gary Jr's passing. May he be your guardian angel watching over you and may God give you the strength to get through this loss.

Love - Cousin LuAnne

LuAnne Milano - October 13, 2019 at 11:32 AM

LP

“ Lisa Pantano lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.



Lisa Pantano - October 13, 2019 at 10:45 AM

DL

“ Don Luzecky lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.



Don Luzecky - October 13, 2019 at 10:26 AM

SN

“ Kallie, Lauren, Chase, and family –

We have learned of Gary's passing and send our heartfelt condolences. While it's been years since you moved away, we have such fond memories of our boys together at Prince of Peace, and the times we shared – cheering them on in sports, trick-or-treating, school events. So many fun times. And Kallie, you were so very kind to me when I lost my Mom so unexpectedly. I hope the love, kindness, and sympathy you blessed me with comes back to you many times over during this time of deep sadness and grief. If there is anything we can do, please let us know. We'll be praying for all of you and holding you close in our hearts. God bless you all.

*With love,
Sarah, Sean, Connor and Will Naughton*

Sarah Naughton - October 10, 2019 at 01:39 PM

KK

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. In the photos Gary looks just like I remember him so long ago. It brings up memories of Jimmy's passing when you were all kids. I hope that you and your family will find some comfort in all the memories you have of Gary and of his love for you all. I will keep you in my prayers and maybe we can get together sometime. I'd love to meet Lauren and Chase.
Your Cousin in Colorado,
Karen Kochanski

Karen Kochanski - October 10, 2019 at 11:39 AM

LP

“ Leda Pacelli-Szabo lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.



Leda Pacelli-Szabo - October 10, 2019 at 10:39 AM

LP

May you rest in peace my handsome cousin, see you on the other side.

Leda Pacelli-Szabo - October 10, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ You always believed in me. I owe you do much. I miss you Gary. May you rest in peace. Prayers for the family. My heart is in deep sorrow like yours. May God bless you all. <3



Leonor Blair - October 10, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ You will be missed my friend...may you rest in peace.



Kushtrim Tafilaj - October 10, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Brian and I are so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Love, Brian and Lindsey Fowler

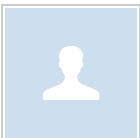
Lindsey and Brian Fowler - October 10, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Gary, I had the pleasure to meet you and be able to consider you a good friend. Will never forget the remarkable and passionate person that you were. Your big light will be missed!



Lupe Bernabe - October 10, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



October 10, 2019 at 07:37 AM

NS

“ *Kallie, Lauren , Chase & Families In my Thoughts during this very difficult time sending my Prayers, Love, Hugs sending my condolences. Gary was an awesome person who’s smile lit a room & such a Loving Caring Husband & Father.*



Nancy Schaus - October 09, 2019 at 11:23 PM

JF

Our condolences to the entire Valentine and Kominski Families. May he rest in peace. Coming from a large extended family and although we may live in many different parts of the country, the sense of loss is felt deeply none the less. Our prayers and spiritual good wishes are with Gary Jr. joining with his many family members that have predeceased him.

John Palermo and Family - October 10, 2019 at 10:55 AM

BR

“ *I looked Gary from the day I met him. He will be missed greatly. Prayers for his family*



Brian - October 09, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



October 09, 2019 at 09:44 PM



“ *Noemi Dishman lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.*



Noemi Dishman - October 09, 2019 at 09:00 PM



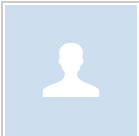
Kallie, Lauren , Chase, Craig and all of your family.... I'm so deeply saddened by Gary's passing. My prayer is that God will cover you with His love and a blanket of peace, and that you will be comforted by the many memories you have of him. Much love to you all, Mimi

Noemi Dishman - October 09, 2019 at 09:38 PM

CD

*Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Gary and his family will be in our prayers.
Connie and Tony D'Agostino*

Connie D'Agostino - October 10, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



October 09, 2019 at 06:28 PM

BP

“ *Bella Hernandez and Cassie & Brandon Parker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



Bella Hernandez and Cassie & Brandon Parker - October 09, 2019 at 05:04 PM

AN

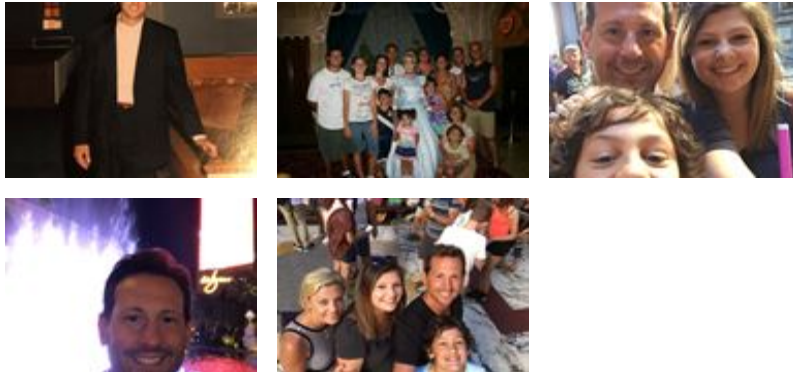
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Annah - October 09, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *123 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Detting Funeral Home - October 09, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



October 09, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Renee Manning lit a candle in memory of Gary James Valentine Jr.*



Renee Manning - October 09, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Losing Gary has to remind us how fragile and precious life is. The void his passing creates can only be filled with fond memories and great love. Kallie, Lauren, and Chase were blessed with the beauty of Gary's boundless energy and enthusiasm. They now must take comfort in the memory of his deep love for them.*
Betty and Mike Monin

Betty and Mike Monin - October 09, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Mike & Elaine Thiele purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



Mike & Elaine Thiele - October 09, 2019 at 11:00 AM

BW

“ Brad M Waldron purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



Brad M Waldron - October 09, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



October 08, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



October 08, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



October 08, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



October 08, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



October 08, 2019 at 08:24 PM



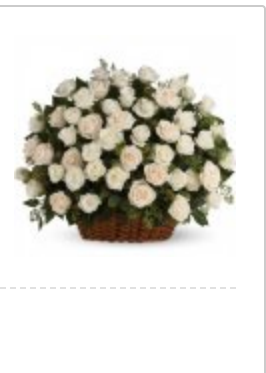
“ Greg, Sandy, Anna Olson purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



Greg, Sandy, Anna Olson - October 08, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ Uncle Sal, Donna, Gregg, Colleen, Kathryn & Leda purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .



Uncle Sal, Donna, Gregg, Colleen, Kathryn & Leda - October 08, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



October 08, 2019 at 07:32 PM



“ *Love Kathy, Sally, Vera, Rose, Todd, Lynn purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



Love Kathy, Sally, Vera, Rose, Todd, Lynn - October 08, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



October 08, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *Carolina McCord, Josh McCord and Daniel McCord purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



Carolina McCord, Josh McCord and Daniel McCord - October 08, 2019 at 06:53 PM

TF

“ *The Kielty Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Gary James Valentine Jr. .*



The Kielty Family - October 08, 2019 at 06:32 PM