



Mr. Gary Alan Lyda

March 18, 1955 - June 27, 2019

Gary Alan Lyda, 64, of Tallahassee, passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Born in Germany on March 18, 1955, he was a son of the late Hoyle Hampton Lyda and the late Reditha Petty Lyda. He proudly served his country in the United Army between 1972 and 1978. Later he became an electrician, and more recently went to work at Killearn Lakes Elementary School in the maintenance department. A talented guitar player, he played in several local bands, most recently Southern Latitude.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Law Lyda; children, Jennifer Womble (husband, Richard) and Lori Andrews; grandchildren, Emily Womble, Ryan Womble and Kenneth Andrews; and brothers, Ronald Lyda and Hoyle Lyda.

Visitation is 1:00 PM, Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral service beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at Tallahassee Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your favorite charity. Online condolences may be expressed at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ It is so nice to know Gary was so well thought of by his friends. Thank everyone for their kind thoughts. Gary did love to play music. He was his way of overcoming his shyness. I truly think he would even have paid the club owners for the opportunity to play if he had to. All he ever wanted to do was play. Although I had a lot of fun in playing music with him, that is really not what I remember most. I think about me and him as little kids growing up together, sharing our experiences. That is where we really bonded. Brothers sometimes fight and argue but we always had each other's back. We went through so much together, the good and the bad. I was very lucky to have him as my brother. No one knew him as well as me and no one will miss him like I will. Rlp Gary. You will be truly missed and things won't ever be the same without you.

Your brother,
Ron

Ron Lyda - July 10, 2019 at 10:12 PM

PD

“ I'm so sad to learn that Gary passed away last week. Haven't seen him in years, but go back around 40 years. He was always the most gentle of the Lyda brothers, so sweet. My thoughts are with his family. A yellow rose meaning: bright, cheerful and joyful - truly what I remember about this sincere soul. A yellow rose it is for you, Gary.



Pam DeRuyter - July 03, 2019 at 08:23 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear that Gary has passed. I have fond memories of Gary from high school in Vero Beach. We connected through our mutual love of music, but lost touch after school but reconnected online a few years ago. Gary was a kind soul and a great musician, he will be missed by all. RIP brother.

Jeff Peterson - July 03, 2019 at 09:10 AM

DB

“ Gary was a really special guy and will live on in our hearts forever. Our prayers go out to Sandy and the entire family. We wish you peace.
Dave & Midge Bussey

Dave & Midge Bussey - July 02, 2019 at 08:24 PM

AJ

“ Both of our children went through KLES and recall Mr Gary's kindness. They would also get a kick out of seeing him onstage at Hurricane's some evenings. We send our deepest sympathies to Mr Gary's family.

The Jackson Family

Angela Jackson - July 02, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda.



July 02, 2019 at 08:14 AM

RM

“ Sandy, We were devastated to hear of Gary’s death. He was a good guy, husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, friend. We send love and light and mourn and miss him with you.



Roberta and Mike - July 01, 2019 at 09:12 PM

WB

“ With love, Little Braxton and Jessica Bisceglia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda.



With love, Little Braxton and Jessica Bisceglia - July 01, 2019 at 03:51 PM

LF

“ I taught at KLES and can sincerely say that Mr. Gary was the kindest most thoughtful custodian I have ever worked with. He always came in my classroom with a smile (and often coffee and donuts) and a positive attitude and a few history facts to share. 😊 He really cared about everyone (adults and students) and will truly be missed at KLES! I am so sorry I will not be able to attend his service as I am out of town. My prayers and thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Leslie Frohlich - July 01, 2019 at 03:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda.*



July 01, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sue Law - July 01, 2019 at 11:27 AM



I played bass guitar in a band with him. I have fond memories of that time. I'm so sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed.

Rick Newman - November 21, 2020 at 07:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda.*



July 01, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ *I am at lost of words we have been playing music almost 40 years*

Braxton Bisceglia - June 30, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda.*



June 30, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *I didn't know Mr. Gary, but my daughter knew him through the school. She was heartbroken at the news of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary and his family at this difficult time!*

Erin - June 30, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *I am so very horribly sorry for your tragic loss of, "Mr. Gary." I had the privilege of working with him at Killearn Lakes Elementary and he was unfailingly kind to everyone every day, and will be dearly missed. You have my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy.*

Jan Roberts

Jan Roberts - June 30, 2019 at 08:09 AM

JP

“ Praying for your family as you deal with the loss of such a great man. During my times of volunteering at Killearn Lakes Elm., Mr. Gary was always willing to help with anything we needed and did so with a smile. My current KLES student said, “he was SOOOO nice and was always smiling”. My oldest daughter recalled him asking her recently if she attended Deerlake so she could say hello to his sweet granddaughter, Emily. He was obviously a proud family man whose absence on this side of Heaven will be greatly missed!

Jeni Pratts - June 30, 2019 at 07:15 AM

NV

“ Mr. Gary was such a kind man, we talked many times at Killearn Lakes Elementary and we always saw him around the neighborhood. He was always happy and always waved to my son and I. You and your family are in our prayers.



Nikki Versage - June 29, 2019 at 09:09 PM

CS

“ Gary was the kindest man I have ever met. With a smile on his face he would always ask me how I was. I first met Gary when I was teaching his grandson Ryan in first grade. He would stop by and bring donuts for the class for no special reason other than he wanted to let Ryan know he loved him and put smiles on the faces of his friends. From that year on he always updated me on things that Ryan was doing. He was so proud of him and loved to tell me about the sports he was involved in and how he was playing “ jammin’ ” on the guitar. Killearn Lakes Elementary will not be the same without him. He took the time to know many of the students at KLES and they, in return, adored him. A great man has been lost too soon. My prayers are with his wife and family.

Coleen Sellers - June 29, 2019 at 06:39 PM

EM

“ My grandpa gary was one of my favorite people in the world, I loved him so much he was so kind and did everything to make me happy. It's sad not knowing I'll ever be able to see him again. I'm going to miss him so much. I love u grandpa ❤️

emily - June 29, 2019 at 06:30 PM

PL

“ Gary was my brother David's good friend and bandmate. I met Gary numerous times while visiting family in Tallahassee. A very kind gentle man...sending my heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Lyda family. Patti Lance

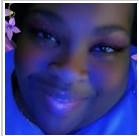
Patti Lance - June 29, 2019 at 04:46 PM

KL

“ Kristin Large lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda



Kristin Large - June 29, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ Sweet man. He spoke to me everyday at work. He loved his grandson and spoke to him at lunch everyday. He was proud of his family and adored his wife. His love lives on.



Patricia McQueen - June 29, 2019 at 01:03 PM

ZD

“ Sandra Ronnie & Family,

I've been good friends with Gary for over 40 years. Your ever, so sweet husband introduced us a few years back when they were playing at the Stone Crab Festival & I could tell by the look on his face that there was a lot of love there. I'm so sorry for the pain and complete loss I know you all must feel. I feel it too, as I know many others do too. Gary was one of the happiest people & dependable friend (such a rare find these days) and he had with the biggest heart!!! He & Ronnie had such a natural talent for music, which was their compassion. He & Ronnie must have both been born with a mic and guitar in hand!!! Ronnie, I hope you will get better soon as Gary had kept me updated on what was going on with your health issues (because I asked out of concern) and he was genuinely concerned for your health, as am I. I know by loosing our Mother's within a month apart that you guys have had it rough, Now this. I am truly sorry for your tremendous loss.

Sending your family my thoughts love and hugs,

Zoe (Simmons) Davis

I will be out of town & unfortunately will not be able to make it to the service, which I apologize for. I really wanted to attend (esp. to give ya'll a big heart-felt hug!!!!)

ZOE (SIMMONS) DAVIS - June 29, 2019 at 10:41 AM

ZF

“ Zoe (Simmons) Davis & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda.



Zoe (Simmons) Davis & family - June 29, 2019 at 10:03 AM

BW

“ Gary was the most dedicated worker and also my good friend. Every morning he would come in and say "Good Morning Boss Man, what do we have going on today!" Always ready with a kind word and a smile. We both were Army guys and when it was cold out he was always ready for a hot cup of Joe in the morning. I can't express how much I will miss my friend Gary. His sense of humor, his eternal optimism, he was a great man.

Bill Worden - June 29, 2019 at 06:34 AM

JW

Sandy and family- I first met Gary in the mid-80s when he was a member of the Dixie Creek band and eventually become friends with him and his mom. Through these many years, we didn't often see each other, but I considered him a friend. I first knew that he was a master musician who loved his craft. He could make a guitar talk, and he lit up a stage with his performances.

But what I came to admire even more was Gary, the man. I can't come up with any new words to describe him than have already been expressed by so many here and on Facebook. He was giving, caring, kind, gentle, positive and soft spoken. He was just a good man! He loved his music, his, job at the school, and his family. He was a cancer survivor, who loved life and was thankful for every day and lived life to the fullest.

Only God knows why he chose to take Gary that day. But may his legacy be the life he lived and the joy he brought to the lives of so many. My thoughts and prayers are with you Sandy, the family, and his bandmates throughout the years, as you come to terms with this sudden and unexpected loss.

Judy Webb - July 01, 2019 at 12:05 PM

JH

“ *Jodi Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda*



Jodi Hunter - June 28, 2019 at 10:30 PM

KM

“ *Gary was a wonderful friend that would do anything for anyone. An amazing musician, and a man who loved life and lived it to the fullest. To say that Gary loved music was an understatement, but his wife Sandy was his true love, followed by his grandkids, family, music, friends and his KLES family...*

We love you Gary...

kellie merck - June 28, 2019 at 09:38 PM

CC

Oh, Sandy, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dear husband. Danielle told me. Although I didn't know Gary, i know that you loved each other so much. I miss seeing your sweet and sassy self.

Caroline Collins - June 29, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary Alan Lyda.*

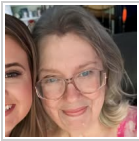


June 28, 2019 at 09:17 PM



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Kellie Merck - June 28, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ Such a sweet man. He brighten many a life with his smile and eagerness to help. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Pam Dailey

Pam Dailey - June 28, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ Mr. Gary will truly be missed by many. Such a kind hearted soul and man of integrity. I always enjoyed seeing him in the hallways at school. He was always willing to help anyone and his personality was a ray of sunshine. Sending prayers for his family.

roberta klawinski - June 28, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ Gary was the sweetness most humble person. Always a smile on his face, willing to do whatever he as asked. I looked forward to each morning when I saw him clock in and I would say how are you doing today and he would respond.....”it’s a good day cause I’m here”. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. He will be missed by all.

Lisa Peacock

Lisa Peacock - June 28, 2019 at 05:44 PM

KE

Gary was a wonderful friend that would do anything for anyone. An amazing musician, and a man who loved life and lived it to the fullest. To say that Gary loved music was an understatement, but his wife Sandy was his true love, followed by his grandkids, family, music, friends and his KLES family... please keep his wife Sandy, his family (especially his grandkids) and friends in your prayers...

Kellie - June 28, 2019 at 07:21 PM



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Kellie Merck - June 28, 2019 at 07:47 PM

SL

Gary was the kindest and most patient man around. We all lost a good friend, praying for the family 🙏

Susie Leckinger - June 28, 2019 at 08:45 PM

BB

Gary was a very cool person. He made my internship at KLES a pleasure. Always cheerful and willing to go the extra mile to help. It was a privilege knowing him. My prayers are going up for the family. Rest in peace.

Brian Bates

Brian Bates - June 28, 2019 at 08:49 PM

BG

Mr Gary and I used to talk about cars. He gave me recommendations on where to buy. He was always so sweet and asked me how I liked my car and was it treating me well. He was so patient and kind to the children also. He will be missed by all. Prayers to his family and friends.

Barbara Grauer - June 28, 2019 at 09:42 PM

KL

Mr. Gary, A very kind gentleman! I loved the way he would greet each person he would meet with a smile and a friendly word or words of wisdom for the day! He would always ask about my husband's guitar playing when we would pass in the hall(our family saw him at Guitar Center on two occasions) and I would always ask where he was playing his next "gig". I am sorry I never got to see him play in person! Gone too soon, but sweet memories will be reflected in my heart! Thank you for your love of people and being the kind of person people love! Prayers for all who knew and loved Mr. Gary!

-Kristin Large

2nd Grade Teacher at Killearn Lakes Elem.

Kristin Large - June 29, 2019 at 04:29 PM

DM

So glad I was able to make music with you these past ten years. I learned so much from you and you became not only a great bandmate but at a dear friend. You made me a better musician and, more importantly, a better person. I hope it will be awhile but in the meantime, I'll look forward to our next gig together. After all, it wouldn't be heaven without music. Rest easy Gary. 🎵🎸

David Merck - June 29, 2019 at 11:23 PM

DM

Been knowing Gary and Ronnie over 40 years. We used to hang out with them when they played music. Gary always let me know where they were playing when we started talking again through FB. I took my husband to see him play at the Hobbit last year and introduced them. Gary was still such a sweet person, My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends, he was a special man. Seeing the outpour of love for him makes my heart smile that he touched so many people in positive ways.

Debbie McReynolds - June 30, 2019 at 11:34 AM

JB

*Sandy, Ronnie, and family,
Gary has been a dear friend for almost 40 years. He was one of the kindest, men I have ever met. He was a true friend who would always make you smile. His love for music was contagious to anyone who saw him play. He will be missed by all who knew this kind, wonderful man. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Julia Bisceglia - June 30, 2019 at 04:12 PM

ME

Sorry to hear about this. Gary and I have been friends for years, played in bands together, etc. He was a good fella with a kind heart.

Monte Eldred - June 30, 2019 at 06:12 PM