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Gary Lane Jernigan, 65, passed away at home in Tampa, Florida, on Saturday, January 21, 2017. He was born in San Francisco, California, on May 15, 1951, to Ira Dee and Katherine Lucretia Jernigan. A well-travelled man, he lived all over the United States and even in France. His free-spirited youth and worldly experiences shaped him, making him a confidante to both family and friends. Devoted to his work, Gary served as division President for over twenty years at Centex. Throughout his time with the company, he was a valuable and gifted asset to his colleagues. Faced with retirement, he chose instead to pursue various entrepreneurial ventures.

Spending his life on the golf course was never really an option; leisure to him was creating the next great business deal. Among his various hobbies, Gary loved boating, snow skiing, reading science fiction novels, and playing tennis. Above all of his pursuits, his greatest love in life was his family.

Gary's legacy lives on through his wife of thirty-eight years, Mary Ann Jernigan; his children, Neile Marie Vance and her husband David, Taylor Makenzye Fichera and her husband Aaron, Aaron Kyle Winterton-Jernigan and his husband Robert; four grandchildren, Jonathan Vance and his wife Sidney, Jonah Vance, Joseph Vance, Sarah Grace Vance, and two great grandchildren, Harper and Hazel Vance. Services and reception will be held Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 2:30 pm at the Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery 13005 Greenville Avenue Dallas, Texas 75243. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Emancipet. An avid animal lover, Gary understood the power of animal companionship in teaching us about love, acceptance, and happiness.




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Service

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 2:30 PM CT

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Tom Chamblee posted:

My wife Susan, our daughter Jennifer, our sons Ryan and Stephen and I met Gary, Mary, Taylor and Erin on the tennis courts where the kids took tennis lessons. We lived near each other & became friends and I because I am in commercial real estate showed Gary a site in Tampa for Centex & Gary beat out the other competitors for the site & built a nice multi-Family property so Gary and I were business friends also. He was a sharp business mgr., extremely nice and very personable and a pleasure to be around. Our kids were friends and we enjoyed him and his family. We have fond memories of going on a ski vacation together and had just a great time with he and his family. Last time I saw Gary was a business deal he was working on & he called me to help. A large restaurant property. I was glad to help him. That was about a year ago and wish we all could have seen each other more recently. We used to enjoy having dinner together at Chili's near where we both lived. Gary & Mary were very supportive to Susan and I when Susan had breast cancer and came to the hospital during her surgery. They gave me loving support that I needed at that time in the waiting room during the surgery. They were there for Susan afterwards. We will miss Gary and were blessed to have known him and to know his family and may God bless and comfort them in their sorrow. Tom Chamblee

March 3 at 1:06 PM



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Burgess Trank posted:

My association with Gary began in late 1986 or early 1987. We both worked for Centex Homes. Gary was Division President for the Northern Virginia region based in Fairfax, and I was a company lawyer based in Dallas. I flew to Virginia to meet Gary for the first time and he impressed me immediately with his calm demeanor and quick wit. He wanted to make sure I was comfortable, so he invited me to dinner at his home, where I met Mary. That trip was all it took to form a friendship lasting 30 years. Over the next 20 years, while we were both at Centex, Gary and I bonded over business deals, politics, family life and much more. My wife, Brenda, and I visited Gary and Mary in Virginia, and shared a trip to Boston. As part of the Centex family, the four of us traveled to meetings and outings from Hawaii to Monte Carlo. My office was relocated to Orlando, and Gary was transferred to Tampa which meant more interaction, including a trip to experience Gary's new recreational interest in boating, which was about the only place his interest and mine diverged. I'm a golfer. Gary not so much, as he demonstrated during a company event he couldn't avoid. Life presents us with unique circumstances, and Gary and I each separated from Centex, but Gary was a faithful friend, and made it a point to call me once in awhile to toss around business ideas, legal questions and family news. We meet many people during our lives, and most remain mere acquaintances. The few who establish friendships are precious, but those, like Gary, who invest their time, sincerity and effort in relationships leave the deepest impression on our lives. Gary's partnership with Mary, through good times and tough times, was inspirational to me, and Mary's unwavering support and commitment to family reveals the quality of character Brenda and I knew from firsthand experience. May God bless Gary, Mary and their family, and may their sorrow at this separation be tempered by their faith in the Lord. I will miss my friend a great deal. Burgess Trank

January 24 at 11:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Jernigan family.



January 31 at 5:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Sentiments Spray to the Jernigan family.



January 31 at 5:20 AM



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Anonymous sent a Heaven's Comfort to the Jernigan family.



January 31 at 5:17 AM



Bernell Clark posted:

My cousin, Gary, helped to create many happy and fond family memories at Thanksgiving time in Keene, Texas. He had a very caring and giving heart and will be deeply missed. R.I.P. Gary.

January 27 at 1:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Jernigan family.



January 25 at 2:59 PM



Noelle Carson lit a candle in honor of Gary .

I met Gary back in 2012 when our tenant that he worked for moved into the building here in Tampa. I feel lucky for the brief time he was a part of my life, because he was one of the nicest, most genuine people that I have ever met. He will be truly missed!! wish to send my condolences to Gary's entire family.Noelle Carson



January 25 at 7:01 AM



Kathleen Wells posted:

God bless you and your family, Mary Ann. Kathleen (Turnbull) Wells and husband Rockey. Canon City, Colorado

January 24 at 11:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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