



Eric Thomas Garland

March 16, 1987 - January 4, 2019

Eric Thomas Garland was born on March 16, 1987 in Winter Haven, Florida. He lived in Florida for the first 12 years of his life then moved to Schroon Lake, New York with his family. Eric graduated salutatorian from Schroon Lake Central School.

After high school, Eric attended and graduated from the Word of Life Bible Institute before earning his Bachelor's Degree from Baptist Bible College in Clark Summit, Pennsylvania. He had accepted Jesus as his Savior as a child and followed his calling to the ministry.

In 2014, Eric earned the Master of Theology from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Eric met Krissie Lain while they were both attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They married at Krissie's home church (Paramount Baptist in Amarillo) on March 12, 2011.

Eric served for 7 years in Children's Pastor and Family Pastor positions in various Texas churches. He also served as Assistant Director of Student Life at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

Eric is survived by his loving wife, Krissie Lain Garland and their precious twins, Joah Shepherd and Selah Grace; by his parents, Ric and Ellen Garland; his maternal grandparents, Jim and Janet Larkin; his paternal grandparents, Paul and Carol Garland; his sisters, Nicole Golden and

husband Bryant and their children Brooke, Ryder and Braxton, and Shannon Yatsevich and husband Jordan. Also surviving Eric are his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gil and Mary Lain; brothers-in-law, Caleb Lain and wife Lacy and their children, Sparrow and Israel, Cody Lain and wife Elizabeth and their children, Luke, Ellie, and Levi. Eric will be missed by many friends (youth, children and adults), whose lives were touched by his ministry.

Eric had a unique gift of meeting people easily and making them feel special. He was fun loving and full of life. He was an avid sports fan. He loved to fish. He enjoyed snorkeling. He was a devoted husband, loving son and brother, awesome father, fun brother-in-law, faithful friend and amazing uncle (Uncle E).

Eric loved to speak and teach and preach the Word of God and talk to people about Jesus. Our greatest comfort is knowing that Eric is with his Lord Jesus in heaven at this moment (2 Cor. 5:8), we believe holding their unborn baby daughter, being in awe of the majesty and presence of Jesus. We are confident that we as followers of Christ will see him again. We will miss Eric every day. Thank you for your prayers and concern.

A visitation for Eric is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, TX 75703. The memorial service is on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Whitehouse.

Donations can be made in Eric's name at www.fundley.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Memorial Service

JAN **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Whitehouse
801 E. Main Street
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Eric will always be remembered. I remember playing Jerusalem and Jericho on endless Wednesday nights at FBC Conroe. Along with the first ever jumbo marshmallow dodge ball. Along with all the wonky names for events that always ended in "poolza". He brought energy and fearlessness to children's ministry. I was also always remember the day that he Baptized my daughter and the nights he played with my son. Carson remembers you Eric as the one that was always getting slim dumped on you or dumping slime on others. Our condolences to the entire family Garland and Lain families and continuous prayers to Krissie and the twins. After hearing the song "This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickham, I know that your faith in Jesus will help you know that he and only he will put the chaos of this moment back into order for you and your family. - The Schottie Family

Rebecca Schottie - January 14, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ I shared a suite with Eric at BBC for a year as he was finishing his undergrad. He had an amazing amount of joy and humor to pass around coupled with deep care for and love for people. It was impossible to not enjoy life around Eric and I will treasure our sporadic conversations on topics ranging from profound to incredibly random. I mourn with you and pray you find hope in the great promise of future resurrection together with Christ
-Aaron Klosheim

Aaron Klosheim - January 11, 2019 at 02:20 PM

GW

“ I do not know any of you, but saw this on FB and I did pray for all of you as you mourn the loss of your love one. May God give you extra grace and comfort in the days ahead and significant supernatural joy that comes from knowing God is in control and He called your loved one home. Blessings, Gayle Waldron, NY

Gayle Waldron - January 10, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.



January 09, 2019 at 10:49 AM

MS

“ I will always remember what a kind, happy and cheerful student that Eric was. Not only did he bring a smile to the faces of many, he also brought quite a badminton game to the court. I will never forget this fine young man!

May God Bless and watch over his family, his wife and his children!

Mike Sharp
Schroon Lake PE Teacher

Mike Sharp - January 08, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 08, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 08, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 08, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *Krissie,
Please accept our deepest sympathy in your great loss of Eric. He was a very kind, loving young man and made you feel welcomed. He touched many hearts while at DABC.
Our love and prayers,
Thomas & Martha Johnson*

Martha & Thomas Johnson - January 08, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 08, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *When Evan Williams began going to school at Schroon Lake, our family was a little unsure on how he would be accepted by being the new kid on the block. Along came this bright, friendly and young 9th grader, Eric, who immediately accepted Evan, invited him to numerous activities and made Evan and us feel at home. His open heart and friendly attitude were very evident at a young age. Eric's faith was on his sleeve and quite natural. Eric's cheer made Evan's welcoming to Schroon Lake easy and relaxing. We have always thanked the Lord for the Garland family.*

Our prayers are with you!

David and Heather Williams of Schroon Lake, NY

David - January 08, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *The Staff at First Baptist Church Conroe purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



The Staff at First Baptist Church Conroe - January 08, 2019 at 11:14 AM

YC

“ Your family at Mountainside Bible Chapel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.



Your family at Mountainside Bible Chapel - January 08, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.



January 08, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.



January 08, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.



January 08, 2019 at 09:22 AM

TB

“ *May the God of comfort strengthen you doing this difficult time and may the peace of God guard your hearts Phil.4:6,7. With My Deepest Sympathy*

Tomacine Banks - January 08, 2019 at 07:38 AM

CL

May God hold you all in His precious arms. Praying for your whole family. Love to you all and much prayers. Charlene Capron Loomis

Charlene capron loomis - January 08, 2019 at 12:20 PM

RB

“ *May the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and PEACE in believing, so that you may OVERFLOW with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*
Praying for each of you. Robin Brooks

Robin Brooks - January 07, 2019 at 09:34 PM

SH

“ *May you all feel God's loving arms surrounding you and find comfort in all the loving tributes. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Tom & Sharon Headlee (Schroon Lake, NY)



Sharon - January 07, 2019 at 09:13 PM

EM

“ *Grieving. I am with the family in my thoughts and prayers. I deeply care. Eric Murphy*

Eric Murphy - January 07, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 07, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 07, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *Eric was our great nephew, the son of our nephew Ric. All of our hearts are breaking and we know he will be missed immeasurably, but he is now resting in the arms of Jesus Christ, his Savior and Lord. We will see him again one day.*

Jane Mitchell - January 07, 2019 at 03:31 PM



Our hearts are brokenbut we have the hope only found in Jesus that we will all be together again. Love you...Aunt Barb

Barbara Korona - January 07, 2019 at 06:48 PM



Our prayer is that each and every moment of these hard days you will know God's most wonderful grace and peace.

Doug and Linda - January 07, 2019 at 08:43 PM

MB

Our family is praying for Eric's family and friends. I know his passing leaves a huge hole that only the Holy Spirit can fill.

Michael Brown - January 07, 2019 at 09:03 PM

ST

A heartbreaking end to a child of God. Sadness and questions fill my heart and mind. He is with his heavenly Father now. Peace and comfort for his family and friends I pray for.

Steven J Tolken - January 08, 2019 at 01:32 AM

LL

“ *Lynne Latorella purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



Lynne Latorella - January 07, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 07, 2019 at 01:14 PM

WR

“ *We rest in the knowledge that God is Sovereign and His Mercy endures forever. Even though our bodies may grow weary our soul rest in the presence of Our Heavenly Father, His Son Jesus Christ and the ever present Holy Spirit of God. Till we meet again, Selah Friend and Brother in Christ.*

Wayne Roberson - January 07, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Eric Thomas Garland.*



January 07, 2019 at 11:04 AM