



Wallace M. Gayle

November 16, 1939 - February 10, 2026

Services for Wallace Gayle, 86, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Rose Lawn Cemetery with Andy Dunklin officiating.

Mr. Gayle passed away Tuesday, February 10, 2026 in Tyler. He was born November 16, 1939 in Bryan, Texas to Velma Bond and Otis Gayle. Wallace “Wally” Gayle was a proud graduate of Alto high School class of 1958 and graduated from Texas A&M class of 1962.

He was a Certified Public Accountant and CFO, who owned and operated multiple businesses across Texas, leaving his mark in communities from Houston to Tyler, San Antonio, and Odessa. He had friends wherever he went with a boisterous laugh and loved making everyone around him laugh. He was a frequent driver for his wife’s antique “junking”. He enjoyed skiing with his buddies and would play golf as often as he could. Wallace loved to eat and was first in line and proud of it, always willing to lead the charge at the buffet.

Wallace was preceded in death by his parents Velma and Otis Gayle, his wife of twenty two years Dalene, his brothers Ted, Kenny, and Bobby Gayle.

He is survived by his loving family including his sister Glenda Chandler of Friendswood TX, his son Trent Gayle of Pflugerville, TX, his daughter Traci Carthel and husband Doug of Hennesey, OK, his stepdaughters Lisa Hagan

and husband Mark of Whitehouse, TX, Leslie Bily and husband Kirk of Montebello NY, Lori Parsons and husband Tim of McKinney, TX; grandchildren Nicholas Gayle, Caitlin Carthel, Cailee Carthel, Gunner Carthel, Sarah Culpepper and husband Josh, Blake Lovelady and wife Leia, Brooke Kemp and husband Daniel, Emily DeFelice and husband Jacob, Kyle Bily, Logan Parsons, and Luke Parsons; great-grandchildren Addison Hudnall, Avery Culpepper, Austin Culpepper, Kinlee Lovelady, Hayes Kemp, and Lola DeFelice.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the staff and caregivers at Prestige Estates for their loving care and going above and beyond for our dad.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas at <https://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org>.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Rose Lawn Columbarium
2003 Blue Mountain Road
Tyler, TX 75703

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wallace M. Gayle.*



March 05 at 01:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wallace M. Gayle.

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“ *I'm very sorry for this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you Trent, Traci, and the rest of his family and loved ones. He will be waiting for you all in heaven.*

Rick Bassett - February 18 at 10:19 PM

TC

“ Wallace Gayle was my dad and a wonderful dad at that. My dad was always there for me, whatever I needed. I always knew he was going to protect me, provide for me, and fix anything I had wrong. He was also a great Poppy to our children, Caitlin, Cailee, and Gunner, and they loved him deeply. After we moved to Oklahoma, we were unable to see my dad as much as we wanted, mainly because it became so hard for me to travel with my muscular sclerosis. I have lots of wonderful memories of my dad, but the best memories I have of my dad is when he told me my husband is the best pilot he’s ever seen, and his emotional support to me after our first daughter died. I pray that they will be together now and some day I will be with them as well. I pray that he did not suffer and will live his eternal life in heaven. I love you dad.

Traci Carthel - February 15 at 09:25 PM

BN

Hello Traci,
I met your dad working at the facility and I had just left off for school. He was my guy. Such an amazing soul and he could crack a joke that'll just tickle me all day. I literally just found out and it hit me hard. I'm praying for you and your family. He love you guys especially his grandkids. Take care

Breeh Nickerson - May 19 at 08:40 AM

LM

“ I was sad to hear of Mr. Gayle passing away. Our dad, Jerry McCarty, and Wally were life long friends. There were several trips in my childhood that Wally was there and he and my dad would have us laughing at their stories. Wally was such a good friend to my dad and I'm glad they are together again having laughs, telling terrible jokes and causing mischief in heaven. Rest in peace Wally. ~Leslie McCarty



Leslie McCarty - February 15 at 05:21 PM

BH

“ Wallace and my Dad were friends and table mates at Prestige Estates, I enjoyed getting to know him and visit during Sunday lunch. He was one of my favorites.
Bobby Hicks

Bobby Hicks - February 12 at 02:53 PM

SM

Wally was a schoolmate of mine at Alto High School, and we stayed good friends after graduation. Our families were close friends, and I have so many fond memories of all the fun times we shared. Wally was always well-liked by everyone, had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. May he rest in peace. He will be missed.

Sue Manning - February 14 at 09:05 AM

AM

Wally and my late husband, Jerry, were life long friends. They enjoyed 30 plus years of men's golf trips and snow Skiing trips to Ruidoso NM and Vail Co. and other destinations. Wally was full of life and always the life of the party. They loved retelling all the tales and stories of their adventures through the years. I have many fond Memories of trips with Wally and Dalene. Wally will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Adelle McCarty

Adelle McCarty - March 06 at 01:19 PM

CB

Richard & I were blessed to have known Wallace through our son Kirk & wife Leslie and their children Emily & Kyle. We know that every friend & family member of Wallace had their lives enriched by this wonderful man. We were never jealous, and truly understood exactly why Wallace (Poppy) was Emily & Kyle's favorite grandparent from the time they were very young. Poppy & Dalene (Grannie) were a delight to be with. Wallace & Dalene had such Love & Devotion for each other that I believe will continue on in Heaven.
Love you Wallace, Cora Sue & Richard Bily

Cora Sue & Richard Bily - March 07 at 02:59 PM