



Gary Vinson Lovelace

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Gary Vinson Lovelace, 72, of Hallsville, Texas, passed away on August 14, 2025. Born in Longview, Texas, on July 31, 1953, to James and Betty Lovelace, Gary spent his early years in Atlanta, Texas, before moving to Hallsville in the 7th grade. There, his love for sports flourished as he played football and baseball where he built lifelong friendships.

On July 16, 1977, Gary married the love of his life, Trisha Gilstrap. Together they built a life rooted in faith, family, and community. A faithful follower of Christ, Gary was a devoted member of Alpine Church of Christ, where he served as both a Deacon and Elder. Gary began his career in education at White Oak ISD before returning to his beloved hometown of Hallsville. He faithfully served Hallsville ISD over 30 years as a coach, teacher, and administrator, impacting countless students and colleagues. He was honored as Distinguished Alumni of Hallsville ISD in 2016—a testament to his dedication and lasting influence.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Gary bled purple for the Hallsville Bobcats and burnt orange for the Texas Longhorns. Gary's proudest accomplishments were not on the field or in the classroom, but at home. He is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Trisha Lovelace; daughters and husbands Tara and David Rangel, and Lara and Ty Hood; and his four grandchildren, Christian and Aiden Rangel and Grant and McKenna Hood, who brought him immeasurable joy.

Gary will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty, servant heart, and faith in Christ while touching countless lives through mentorship, encouragement, and friendship. After retiring, Gary volunteered at Caring and Sharing providing support to those in need and served as Alderman for the Hallsville City Council. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Gregory Kauffman of MD Anderson, Dr. Sreeman Jampana, and the many dear friends who accompanied Gary to sporting events over the years.



Obituary

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Visitation will take place on Sunday August 17, 2025 from 3-5 PM at Rader Funeral Home in Longview, TX. Funeral services will be held Monday August 18, 2025 at 10 AM at Rader Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Hallsville Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be given to the Hallsville Education Foundation or Caring and Sharing.



Events

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Visitation

- Sunday**, August 17, 2025
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM CT
- Rader Funeral Home**
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601



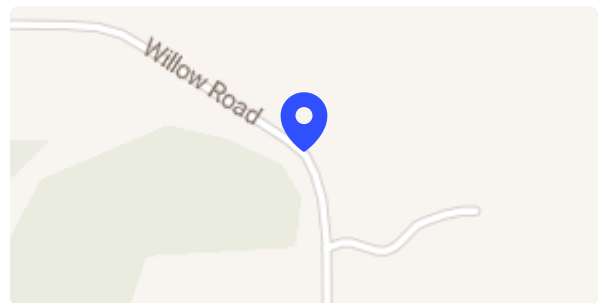
Celebration of Life

- Monday**, August 18, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601



Cemetery Details

- Hallsville Cemetery**
Willow Rd, Hallsville TX 75650





Tribute Wall

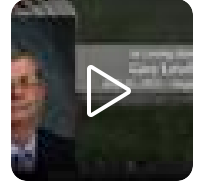
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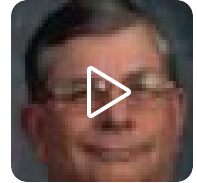
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August 17 at 8:47 AM



Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.

August 18 at 5:05 AM



Barbara Justice posted:

My prayers are with your family at this time God Bless, Mrs Loy (Barbara) Justice

August 18 at 6:32 AM



Regina Williamson posted:

So Sorry to hear about Mr. Lovelace's passing. He was my son's 2nd grade principal at Hallsville. He was a very kind man. My prayers to his family Regina Williamson

August 18 at 5:45 AM



Sally Barron posted:

So many of us have wonderful memories of Gary Lovelace. I worked with him and for him for 14 years at the Primary School, J-2 and at the former Intermediate School. 3-4. Gary loved working with his students and staff. And his staff loved him. Gary first loved God and his family followed by the staff and students of Hallsville ISD, In his years dealing with cancer he kept a positive attitude. Any time I had the opportunity to visit with Gary even when he was sick, he told funny stories and made me laugh I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Trisha, Tara and Lara. Now that he has graduated to Heaven, all of us who knew him hold special memories of him in our hearts. "Well done good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21

August 17 at 7:58 PM



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SD

Shirley Jean Roberts Dillard lit a candle in honor of Gary.



I EXTEND MY DEEPEST HEART FELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF GARY VINSON LOVELACE.I PRAY FOR GOD TO DISPATCH HIS AMAZING GRACE AND DIVINE MERCY OVER THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS GIVING THEM THE COMFORT AND STRENGTH THEY WILL NEED TO HELP THEM SUSTAIN AS THEY GO THEIR BEREAVEMENT OF THE DEMISE OF SUCH A GOD LOVING AND CARING MAN.I KNEW GARY FROM MEETING HIM AT HALLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN HALLSVILLE,TEXASIN 1968 AS A SENIOR COMING FROM GALILEE HIGH SCHOOL IN HALLSVILLE,TEXASGRADUATING IN 1969.HE WAS A VERY PERSON AND MANY TIMESWHEN I WOULD STOP BY CARING AND SHARING IT WAS ALWAYS A JOY TO SEE AND TALK WITH GARY. HIS PRESENCE WILL TRULY BE MISSED,BUT IF YOU WOULD JUST HOLD ON TO ALL OF THE LOVE AND ALL OF THE MANY FOND MEMORIES THAT YOU HAVE EMBEDDED IN YOUR HEART FOR GARY THAT EVERY BEAT OF YOUR HEART GARY WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT,BUT JOY WILL COME IN THE MORNING,JUST KEEP LOOKING TO THE HILL FROM WHENCE COMETH YOUR HELP,AND YOUR HELP IS THE LORD.CRY IF YOU MUST,BUT DON'T CRY AS IF THERE IS NO HOPE FOR THIS IS NOT GOODBYE GARY,IT IS SEE YOU LATER ON THE OTHER SIDE.MAY GARY REST IN SWEET HEAVENLY PEACE.MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS SAFE.YOURS IN CHRIST SHIRLEY JEAN ROBERTS DILLARD,

August 14 at 12:52 PM

KG

Kathy Long Galloway posted:

I've known Gary since he first came to Hallsville. His loved and will be missed.

August 17 at 8:50 AM

DB

Dianna & Danny Bryant lit a candle in honor of Gary.



Gary was a great Bobcat supporter and loved by everyone. He will be missed by everyone at football and baseball games. Rest easy Gary. To his family you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

August 17 at 6:43 AM

JM

Jena Moon posted:

Prayers for this sweet family's loss. He was always smiling at church. My family has had the pleasure of sitting behind his beautiful family in church. He will be missed. ❤️❤️🙏

August 17 at 5:07 AM



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JB

Jerry Blankenship posted:

Lovelace family. Thank you for sharing the servant life of "Coach Lovelace". He will always be 'Coach' to me. He was one of my HS coaches at White Oak. He had an impact on many people over his life and career. I decided to become a coach and educator because of him and my other coaches, and upon graduating.. I contacted 'Coach' to see if he knew of any openings in the area. He helped me get my 1st coaching/teaching position at Longiew HS. 'Coach' just had a way of knowing things.. and people. I have never forgotten that and we have spoken about it on several occasions over the years. I am deeply saddened by your loss but celebrate with you a life well lived in service to God.Coach Jerry Blankenship. Class of 1977, White Oak HS. Well Done Coach Lovlace, good and faithful servant.

August 16 at 6:24 PM

MG

Marcia Gibson posted:

Gary was my boss when I started in transportation at Hallsville. He was a great man to work for.

August 16 at 4:49 PM

JK

Janet Knight posted:

Gary Lovelace, a great educator, leader, and friend made a positive impact on everyone he touched. I was blessed to have worked with him.

August 16 at 3:59 PM

MT

Marvin Tyner posted:

one of the best, that i have ever known

August 16 at 1:56 PM

SG

Sherrell Gore posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was such a pleasant person and we always enjoyed visiting with him at church. Trish, Lara and Tara, our prayers are with you and family. Wayne and Sherrell Gore

August 16 at 6:45 AM



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Janelle Carver posted:

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Gary. Gary was a true friend for many years who always showed a deep concern for others. We will always cherish our memories of Gary from our years at Alpine. Prayers for comfort for the family. Jimmy/Janelle Carver

August 16 at 5:31 AM



Roaring Bobcat Band Booster Club sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Lovelace family.



August 16 at 4:19 AM



Tom Young, Ken & Becky Koford And Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Lovelace family.



August 16 at 4:04 AM



Tom Young, Ken & Becky Koford And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.



August 16 at 4:04 AM



Shirley Bailey posted:

Boy, don't go way back. I have some great memories of both of y'all. Gary was such an easy going, caring and generous husband, father and friend. I'm so sorry that you no longer have him with you. Trisha, I'm praying for you and the girls.

August 15 at 10:03 PM



Carolyn Northcutt August 16 at 6:39 AM

Mike and I agree there was only one Gary! Trisha, we have so many wonderful memories of fellow shipping with both you and Gary and the rest of our little group. Teaching with Gary was such a pleasure. He had the ability to put a smile on anyone's face. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I am praying for peace for all your family. You are loved by so many.



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lovelace family.

August 15 at 9:30 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gary.

August 15 at 9:30 PM



Anthony And Simone Halpin sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Lovelace family.

August 15 at 6:35 PM



Ascend Physical Therapy And Wellness sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lovelace family.

August 15 at 6:24 PM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lovelace family.

August 15 at 5:20 PM



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Jim Dunlap posted:

Gary is one of the finest people I have ever known. His devotion to God, his family, and the Hallsville Bobcats was not just a topic for conversation, but was evident in his behavior every day. With a lifetime of integrity, and humility, he was an example to thousands of children, and a friend to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Trisha, Tara, Laura, and all the family, our prayers for comfort are with you. May God bless you.

August 15 at 4:10 PM



Linda Allen August 29 at 9:34 AM

Trisha, Lara and Tara, my heart breaks for you. Gary was a humble, wonderful man. I am praying for you.



Sally Rathbun August 17 at 8:47 AM

I treasure the years I worked with Gary. He was a caring principal and friend to students and staff. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace good and faithful servant.



Karen Blackmon August 17 at 4:18 AM

Mr. Loveless was encouraging to both of my children. I'm thankful to have known him. Prayers for the family



Mary Marion August 16 at 8:52 AM

I will forever remember Mr Lovelace as a wonderful and kind principal- He and Trisha raised two of the best humans who continue his legacy of faith, family and community- Prayers for the whole family-



Cameron posted:

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Gary Lovelace, a beloved administrator, mentor, and faithful servant. His kindness, dedication, and unwavering commitment to his students, church and community left a lasting impact that will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with his kind hearted wife Tricia, daughters Tara and Lara, son in laws Ty and David and his grandchildren during this difficult time. His legacy of compassion and leadership will continue to inspire us all. We miss you all and will be keeping the family in our prayers Cameron and Melissa

August 15 at 12:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Lovelace family.



August 15 at 12:52 PM



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Debbie Green posted:

Tricia and family. I am so sorry for your terrible loss. Gary was just the nicest person. We went to high school together and then my kids have past with both you and Gary, You taught Larisa and Krista kindegarten at Pine Tree and then Gary was Larisa's golf coach at Hallsville . And of course our other kids during their school years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!Much love
Debbie Huckabee Green

August 15 at 10:18 AM



Jon Cooper posted:

What a precious, Godly man Gary was (and is as he was just transported to another better place) He is now in the arms of Jesus!!. What a joy it was to always see him, with a big friendly smile on his face. He will be missed by all, but we have the faith and trust that we will all be gathered again and be together forever, on that wonderful day of Jesus' return. Prayers for your family during this time! Love, Jon, Tina and Drew Cooper.

August 15 at 9:37 AM



Ricky Nakyta Summers sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Lovelace family.



August 15 at 6:36 AM



Jo Ann Jones sent a virtual gift in honor of Gary.



August 15 at 4:59 AM



Bret Conway lit a candle in honor of Gary.



August 14 at 6:20 PM



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Ray Presley posted:

Trisha, Lara, Tara and the entire Lovelace family, I was very saddened when I heard this morning about the passing of Gary. We have been very close & dear friends for basically my entire life (since we were 3-4 years old) as our families became dear friends when they both called Atlanta their home. We were born less than a month apart! We always got together at each other's homes during the summer months for several years after the Lovelace's moved to Hallsville. Our Dad's coached our baseball teams and Gary helped me get "the fire" for playing golf! Even though we ended up living in different towns, we stayed in touch! We created so many stories I will never forget! I know that he is now in a much better place with the Lord, but will be greatly missed by those he left behind. At least we will get to see him again one day! May the Lord grant y'all a peace that only he can provide. 🙌❤️❤️👥👥👥 Ray & Gloria Presley

August 14 at 12:52 PM



Travis And Trish Honea August 24 at 7:35 AM

Gary was always special to us. So many happy memories at Hallsville and White Oak will be remembered. Our love and prayers are with your precious wife and daughters. Travis and Trish Honea



Donna Higginbotham August 18 at 12:13 PM

He will be missed at his dental office, he and his family are like family to us here at Dr. Robert Guttry's office. God bless your family! I will miss his visits that we would have when he came in! Dr. Robert Guttry DDS and staff



Harry Roe August 18 at 4:55 AM

I met Gary at a little league baseball game in Hallsville. We became friends along the way and ended up doing a lot of things together. We went to football games, played golf, went to church, and other activities. He ended up being my kids principle at Hallsville. Such a good guy. Trish, you and your family are in my prayers. He will definitely be missed. Harry Roe



Kim Brumble August 18 at 3:55 AM

I was a sub for HISD many years before being employed full time. I enjoyed working for Gary at both 2nd grade and 3rd grade. He always greeted everyone with a smile and kind heart. I've enjoyed seeing and visiting with him at games. He will be missed greatly. Trish and the girls please know you are in my prayers and thoughts. Gary is in the arms of the one who saved him Jesus.



Michael Walker August 16 at 7:19 AM

I graduated 4 years at Hallsville before Gary did, he was one of the most genuine, heart warming people I ever met! No matter what your status in life was, he always made you feel like you were important to him! He never forgot my name or my face, and always greeted me with that wonderful smile of his! The world is going to be so much darker



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RP

without him! I bet he and Tommy Pool, one of his best friends are talking about football right and how the Bobcats and Longhorns are going to make out this year! Rest in peace, you have fought the good fight, and now you are with the Lord!

GL

Gary Lynch August 15 at 4:59 PM

I am saddened to hear of Gary's passing but heartened to know such a good man has joined the host that awaits us. I grew up with Gary and remember Bugs and Betty, his parents, with many fond memories. We had a lot of good times as children and I have always known him to be of the utmost in character and love. May God's peace be with all of you at this time and may his grace flow upon you. Gary and Laurie Lynch

JO

Jennifer Orr August 15 at 2:55 PM

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Gary. He and Tricia were so kind to us when we joined Alpine Church of Christ. He kept in touch with us after we left. He was a true example of how we should all live. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God give you peace and comfort. Mike and Jennifer Orr

BC

Bret Conway August 14 at 6:19 PM

Very sorry to hear this news. Gary was so nice, and we always shared stories and laughs when we crossed paths. Prayers to the family. He will be missed by many. Bret Conway

JB

Joy Bailey August 14 at 4:41 PM

We are so heartbroken to hear about Gary, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. We will miss him deeply. Joy and Terry Bailey

MC

Mark And Renette Callahan August 14 at 3:11 PM

So sorry to hear about Gary. He was a great person and has a great family For bless all of you. Mark and Renette Callahan



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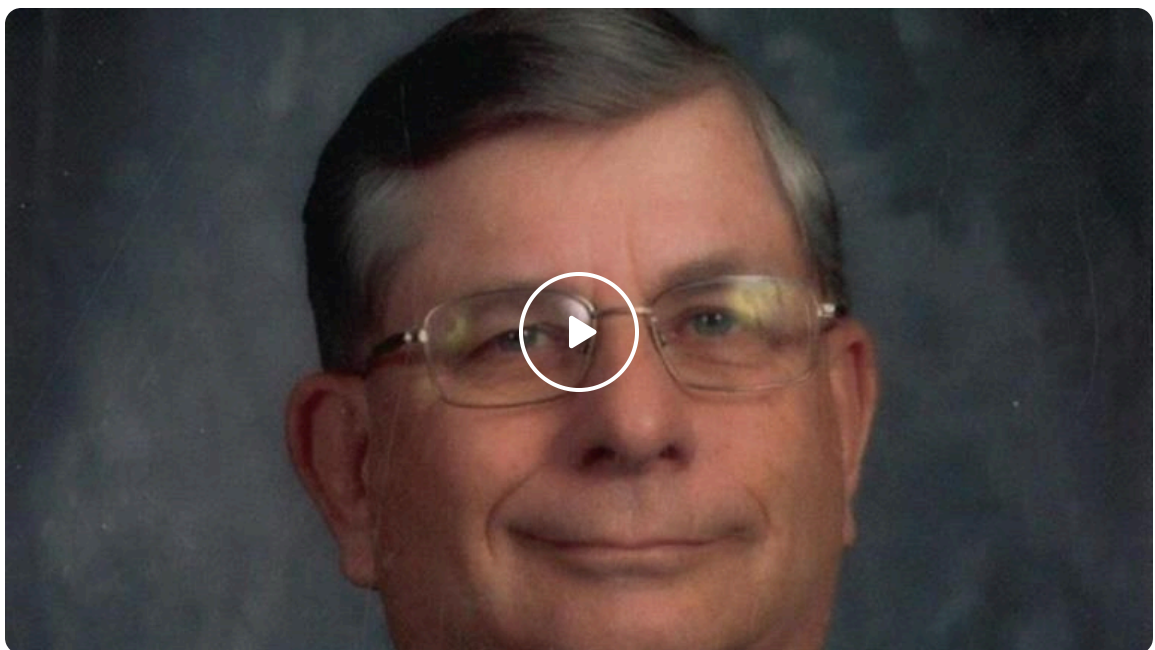
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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