



# Captain Gary Lee Strahl

JUN 27, 1957 - JUN 13, 2009



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## **Captain Gary Lee Strahl**

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**C**aptain Gary Lee Strahl, 51, passed away at home on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Beloved husband of 27 years to Donna Strahl; loving father to Shane, Mandy, Frankie and Quinn Strahl. Gary was born in Kansas City, Mo on June 27, 1957 to Karlene and Charles Strahl. He is survived by brothers, Dennis (Arie), Paul (Barbara) and Mark (Diane) Strahl, and sisters, Kathy (Kevin) Borchers, Sharla Rogers, Linda (Don) Evans and Karen (Greg) Frederick. He was preceded in death by his father. Gary is also the Son-in-Law of Don and Rita Heider Sr. and Brother-in-Law to Don Heider Jr. and Stacy (Scott) Fredrickson. Gary is Uncle and Great Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Gary graduated in 1975, from Shawnee Mission West High School of Overland Park, KS, where he participated in Band, NJROTC, basketball and Boy Scouts in which he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Upon graduating from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1979, Gary was employed with Keystone Shipping until 1994; at that time he continued his career with Shell Oil Co.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a wake which will be held on Friday, June 19, 2009 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433. A Celebration of Christian Burial Mass will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 312 Lafitte Street, Mandeville, LA 70448.

Visitation on Saturday will begin at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America, 1500 Jefferson Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77642-0646, where Gary was a participant. Gary was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.



## Tribute Wall

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JK

**John Bennett Kp '79** posted:

Donna and family - I would like to extend my deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband and Dad. Gary and I were classmates at KP and I do remember him as a fun loving and caring person. "Our rational minds can never understand what has happened, but our hearts- if we can keep them open to God - will find their own intuitive way. Now his soul is free, and the love that you can share with him is invulnerable to the winds of changing time and space." Although I can't ease the sense of loss you must feel at this time, please know that my prayers are with you and your family.

June 24 at 7:00 PM

GG

**Greg Guerreiro** posted:

It was my honor and pleasure to have known Gary for 20+ years at Shell. He was the type of person you wanted to be around. He was always up (not only in height). Guess the Lord needed a good mariner for some job. The prayers of my family will be with your family during this trying time. God bless you all.

June 22 at 7:00 PM

GG

**Gil Gibbs '79** posted:

Donna and Family, Vanessa and I are saddened by the loss of Gary. He was such a special person. Everytime I walked into a room, Yourself and Gary would be one of the first people to come over and say hello. You both made Vsaessa and I feel very special. Gary was such a special person. He was always smiling and enjoying life. Our prayers are with your family. The Gibbs Family

June 22 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Jake Munch** posted:

i am a classmate of gary's. kp class of '79. i hope that take refuge in this difficult time that gary always enjoyed himself and his family. jake munch '79

June 21 at 7:00 PM

SS

**Scott Settje** posted:

Donna, Gary will always be with the Boys and never forgotten, just as he will always be with you and the family. He was a darn good man. Scotty

June 21 at 7:00 PM



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CJ

**Chris Johnson** posted:

I am so sad to learn of gary's passing. We became great friends right at the beginning of our Kings Point careers as we were both on 2nd deck of fifth company when we first got there. I have only great memories of Gary. God bless you all. Chris Johnson Kings Point class of 1979

June 21 at 7:00 PM

JK

**John Burke Kp '79** posted:

Sorry for your loss.

June 21 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Jeff Havens** posted:

Donna and Kids and Family – Our family is really sorry to hear about Gary. I got word from my brother, Kenny and Mom. Kenny and Gary were debate partners “back in the day” at Shawnee Mission West. I was a dork sophomore and Gary was a towering senior. When I would run into him on “the bridge” he’d slant his eyes at me, call me “Little Havens”, and would proceed to give me a “Head Noogie”. Being that Gary was BMOC, varsity basketball player extraordinaire to boot, this of course elevated my social status, which was always a nice bonus. In reading the posts, Gary was obviously loved and respected by many. He will be greatly missed. To the kids, being that I too unexpectedly lost a Dad, perhaps some things were left unsaid, or not. I can assure you, however, that he loved you very much and is proud of your many accomplishments. A day won’t go by that his presence will guide you to make good decisions. He will always be with you and his legacy will live on though you. With our deepest sympathy, Jeff Havens and Family.

June 21 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Joe And Colleen Heeter** posted:

Donna and Family: We are thinking of you with Sympathy and wishing you peace at this difficult time. Joe, Colleen, Madeline and Jake Heeter

June 21 at 7:00 PM



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MM

**Mark Mentel** posted:

From the short time i knew Mr. Gary, he always had a smile on his face and never seem to look down upon anything. I only wish i had the chance to get to know him more. Rest in peace Mr. Gary knowing that your family will be in good hands from here on out!

June 20 at 7:00 PM

HM

**Henry C. Moore** posted:

Hello, I just wanted to convey just how sorry I was to hear the about Mr. Gary Strahl. The passing of a loved one can be very difficult. After the death of his close friend Lazarus, "Jesus gave way to tears." (John 11:35) My prayers are indeed with the family and friends of Mr. Strahl on this sad occasion. I have found much comfort in what the Bible says at Revelations 21: 3, 4; John 5: 28, 29; Titus 1: 2 and Psalms 37: 29. These are just a few scriptures that offer true hope for both us and our loved ones. I hope you find comfort in reading these scriptures as well. Once again, my prayers are with you. Most Sincerely. Henry C. Moore

June 20 at 7:00 PM

BS

**Brenda Waters Stiles** posted:

Donna and family, I have enjoyed knowing Gary since we were at Broadmoor Junior High. It has been so nice to get to know you and your family at all of the SM West gatherings. You and your family will be in my prayers. Brenda Waters Stiles

June 20 at 7:00 PM

JD

**Janine Sikes Deines** posted:

Donna and family, I'm so sorry for your loss; Gary was a great guy. We shared a back fence growing up on 76th St./Terr. and were frequently in the same classes throughout school. Gary could always make everyone smile. My deepest sympathies. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

June 20 at 7:00 PM



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PH

**Pam & Ed Hall** posted:

Donna, we are so sorry to hear about Gary. having lost our princess last year we know what you are going through. although he may not be there physically, know he is always there and watching over his beloved family. take it day by day and remember all the love he had for his family. we love you and are praying for your family.

June 19 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Lou Barra** posted:

Very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. My condolences to his family. I am a classmate of his from KP. Knew him very well. Sincerely, Lou Barra

June 19 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Richard Marinucci** posted:

My deepest sympathies and condolences to your family. May God Bless Gary and his family. Our prayers are with you during this time.

June 19 at 7:00 PM

FK

**Fred Kennon** posted:

I remember Gary as a good basketball player and even better foosball player. Gary was a very fine man and a good teammate. I am honored to have known him.

June 19 at 7:00 PM

DC

**Deb Cobb** posted:

Dear Donna, Shane, Mandy, Frankie, Quinn and family, My heart breaks knowing the void this loss means to you. I sailed with Gary in the 80's on the good ship "Keystoner". I was a green Third Mate and he was Chief Mate. He was always positive, supportive, respectful, and smiling. I learned so much from him and very thankful to have known him when I did. I remember his family was never far from his thoughts. He was so animated when the day came around for him to go home on vacation to his family. I have no doubt that each of you kids will carry on your Dad's integrity and love of life. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Love, Deb

June 19 at 7:00 PM



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GH

**Gene And Chris Hillger** posted:

Dear Donna and kids, Chris and I were sad to hear of Gary's passing. Gary and I were classmates at Kings Point and he left us much too soon. We will remember Gary at our 30th reunion this fall.

June 19 at 7:00 PM

BB

**Buz Buzby** posted:

Donna and family, I was one of Gary's classmates at Kings Point, and none of us will ever forget him - he towered above us all - both in stature and in his love of life. This world is a lesser place without him. He has "crossed the bar" with his Pilot, and now forever safely in His hands. God Bless you all.

June 19 at 7:00 PM

HN

**Harry And Nina Nilsen** posted:

Dear Donna and Family, I will really miss that big guy I first met 34 years ago in Kings Point who, through the years turned into a major business customer, Mardi Gras float rider, fishing and golf buddy, but most importantly a trusted and valued friend. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.

June 18 at 7:00 PM

BR

**Bill And Beth Rowland** posted:

Dear Donna and the entire Strahl family, Beth and I are so saddened by the news of Gary's passing. He was a great friend from the day we met at Kings Point and each year at the cup, I looked forward to hearing him fill me in on how the the family was growing. The pride, always so evident, as he recounted each milestone of the previous year. It's difficult to express the depth of our sorrow because we loved him so. But one thing I'm sure of, no change of watch bell has rung clearer than when Captain Strahl arrived in heaven. God bless you all and God bless Gary.

June 18 at 7:00 PM



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KD

**Kim Durr** posted:

Dear Donna and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I can't really believe it. I can still see Gary's smiling face as we chat after mass on Sunday. My heart goes out to you and all of your family and friends and neighbors. Gary was such an upbeat, encouraging person for all of us. His love of basketball was surely imparted on Ryan during his years of coaching him. Please know that you are in my prayers. I know that Jesus and Mary are wrapping their arms around you and sustaining all of you right now. God bless you. Love, Kim Durr

June 18 at 7:00 PM

BZ

**Brian Zanotelli** posted:

Strahl Family, It seems like just yesterday you all came over for the very first time. Shane was in dad's CYO class and we had you over for the Super Bowl. Man was i blown away by Gary, what a MASSIVE man, and in more ways than just his height. Throughout the course of your time in Stillwater i grew very close to Shane & Frankie, i remember how much they loved their father. We could all see how he felt for them. Donna, Shane, Mandy, Frankie & Quinn.... You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Just remember that the entire Zanotelli Family loves you. I miss you all dearly. God Bless

June 17 at 7:00 PM

LZ

**Lisa Heeter Zimmer** posted:

Dear Donna and Children, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Please know that I am thinking about you. Love, Lisa Heeter

June 17 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Jim & Jan Frahm** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Gary will be missed by all who knew him.

June 17 at 7:00 PM

SW

**Sonny Welty** posted:

Donna and Family- My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gary was truly a great guy and a leader among us. He will be missed by many. With Deepest Sympathy- Sonny

June 17 at 7:00 PM



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JS

**Jason And Chelsey Schroeder** posted:

We are so sorry about your loss. Gary was a great man. You are all in our prayers.

June 17 at 7:00 PM

CC

**Chris Whitley & Kim Curley** posted:

Dear Strahl Family, We know this is a very tough time for you all. With the strength and love of the Lord, family, and friends, this time of hurt will heal. Mr. Strahl was an awesome man, and he will be truly missed. We are here for you, and we send our thoughts and prayers. With love, Chris & Kim  
"The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God." -Eileen Elias Freeman

June 17 at 7:00 PM

GH

**Greta Honsberger** posted:

Dearest Strahl Family, My prayers are offered up for you during this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Greta Honsberger

June 17 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Joe Pecktal** posted:

Gary was a fine person and a friend. I worked with him for a few years when I was with Shell's Marine Dept. I am a 1976 Kings Point gradate and on behalf of Kings Point and my family I offer my sincere condolences to his family, friends, and co-workers.

June 17 at 7:00 PM

BL

**B. Jay Lambert** posted:

A loss of a true friend. Captain Gary was a steady rock who saw through life's inconsistencies. A true Kansas Chief fan despite their ups and downs. The maritime community has lost a true supporter for fair regulation and communication. Always saw the glass full...He will not be forgotten.

June 17 at 7:00 PM



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KL

**Karen Lindsey** posted:

Dear Donna and Family: I do not know you personally, Donna. I have met your son, Quinn once when he came to our home with a group of acquaintances of my daughter Abby. I can tell you that Quinn was such a gentleman and made an impression on my husband and I when we were introduced. I am so sorry to hear of your loss! I don't have the right words. As evidenced by meeting Quinn and all of the guestbook entries, you guys are special people and Gary will be missed dearly by those who knew him. May God's peace comfort you at this time and always. In Him, Karen

June 17 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Julie And Carsten Mortensen** posted:

To Donna, KArlene, and all of the Strahl family, We were so deeply saddened to hear of Gary's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

June 17 at 7:00 PM

TC

**Tim Cronin** posted:

Hello Donna and the entire Strahl Family. It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I write this note. I met Gary a long time ago, when he and Jim and Walt were at KP together. He was always a special person in the lives of us Cronin's. Besides having an infectious glow about him, Gary was always very generous and funny. A great spirit to be around. He will be missed. I am very sorry for your loss. Take Care. Tim and Patricia

June 17 at 7:00 PM

TF

**The Power Family** posted:

Dearest Donna and Family, Please know that you are in my prayers in this most difficult time.....in my mind, every picture of your family brings a smile to my face....your collective warmth and happiness, kind and gentle way reflect the beautiful loving family that you are....this strength of character and closeness will be what sees you through this unimaginable journey. Gary is with you...his love is who you are. God Bless....With Love, Charmaine, Tim, Ryan and Maddie

June 16 at 7:00 PM



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TF

**The Vallette Family** posted:

Gary & Donna are two of the most genuinely nice people I have ever met in my life, and their children are a shining example of this. Dear Quinn, Frankie, Mandy, & Shane, please know that we are deeply sorry for your loss. After reading so many wonderful tributes I feel lucky to have known him for the short time I did. You must be so proud of the wonderful man you called father. He must be so proud of you all right now. May the strength of your faith and your loved ones help carry you through your sorrow.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

JM

**James Mercante** posted:

I never saw Gary not happy or not smiling. He is an inspiration. I always looked up to Gary, and, not only because otherwise at my height, i'd be staring at his KP brass buckle! Love Jim Mercante KP 79

June 16 at 7:00 PM

TG

**Tom Gleeson** posted:

I had the pleasure of being an assistant coach when Gary was playing at the USMMA. He was such a fun loving person, great friend, and teammate. My best wishes to his family at a terrible time.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

GO

**Gerald, Cindy, And Connor Olivier** posted:

Donna, Quinn and Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. God has taken a great man and father. He touched all of our lives. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and that God will comfort you in your time of sorrow and need. Cindy

June 16 at 7:00 PM

GH

**Ginny And Tom Hughes** posted:

Dear Donna, children and family, Our hearts and prayers go out to you now and forever. God bless your family! We will always remember Gary as a very funny, kind and caring person who loved life. All the very best to all of you! Ginny, Tom and the girls, Molly, Catherine and Galen

June 16 at 7:00 PM



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JO

**Joe Otey** posted:

My family and I are very sad to hear the news of Gary's passing. He was a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

RL

**Robert Lawler** posted:

The news of Gary's passing to all who knew him is such a great loss. We all thought so much of Gary. His passing was not only an unexpected shock but has caused all of us to have such feeling of heart felt sadness. Donna I know you will miss him dearly. Among those of us who knew him he will be very missed but fondly remembered. My Sympathy's to you and your family Rob Lawler SMW Class of 1975

June 16 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tim Stamm** posted:

I was sad to hear that Gary had passed away. Gary was one of the nicest guys a person could ever know. I will remember Gary best for his smile. My wife Lee Ann and I will keep Gay and his family in our prayers. God Bless

June 16 at 7:00 PM

KC

**Karen Constanza** posted:

Donna, This is such a tremendous shock and loss to you all. Gary was a wonderful man and always a great friend. Let us know if there is anything that we can do for you and your family. May God's love bring you comfort and peace. You and your family are always in our prayers.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Leslie Heeter Brown** posted:

Dear Donna and family, it brought great sadness to us to hear of Gary's unexpected passing. He is loved by many and was a wonderful husband and father. Please know we are thinking of you and your family during this very difficult time. With much Love, Kent, Leslie, Lauren, Paige and Abby Brown.

June 16 at 7:00 PM



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RD

**Roger Van Duzer** posted:

Donna and Family: Gary was widely respected within the marine community as the complete professional. He brought a very human quality to the business. Above all I remember Gary as a family man. He never lost sight of what was most important in life-that was his family whom he loved so dearly. I am fortunate to have known Gary. Roger Van Duzer

June 16 at 7:00 PM

JL

**Jessica Landry** posted:

I am blessed to have known Mr. Gary and to have witnessed the many people's lives he touched. He was an amazing man who will be greatly missed. Donna, Shane, Mandy, Frankie, and Quinn, please know that you are in my prayers. May God comfort and help you during this difficult time and may the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Love, Jessie

June 16 at 7:00 PM

SW

**Steve Weissinger** posted:

My condolences upon learning of the passing of Gary. He was in my grade but I was very good friends with Brother Paul as well. We took some classic skiing trips to Colorado together. Prayers are with you.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

DP

**Don And Debbie Parrish** posted:

Donna, our thoughts and condolences are with you and your family. Gary was called to be God's captain of his eternal ship.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

KC

**Kristen Carrick** posted:

Dear Strahl family, Although I only met Mr. Gary twice, he was the type of man to leave a wonderful lasting impression. Not only did he always have a smile on his face, he made you feel apart of his family. My family recently visited the Strahls to celebrate the engagement of my sister, Marla, to Shane. We had such a wonderful time in Louisiana, a time I shall never forget. I am sure that there are also so many amazing memories that will live on with you all forever. I will be praying for your family. I love you all. Sincerely, Kristen Carrick

June 16 at 7:00 PM



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RS

**Rob And Nora Spaulding** posted:

Dear Donna and family, Words can not describe our sorrow for you and your family. As so many people have already stated he was indeed a very kind and funny person. We were all lucky to have Gary as a part of our lives even for a moment. Wishing you the best down the road...Hang in there!

June 16 at 7:00 PM

GD

**George Darrington** posted:

my deepest sympathies to your family...Gary was a GREAT guy I always enjoyed his good stories and his sense of humor...he was a long time friend from way back in jr.hi..... George

June 16 at 7:00 PM

BC

**Brigadiere General Greg Couch** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you today. Gary and I were in NJROTC at SM West and graduated together. I lost track of him as we went our separate ways until a mutual friend told me of his passing. Gary in the Merchant Marines and I in the US Army; similar but different paths, but both supporting this great country. I will remember you on Saturday and will prayer for God's peace for his family and many friends. God Bless. Greg Couch

June 16 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Michelle, Rick, Brad, Taylor And Andrew Smith** posted:

Donna and Family, We were so shocked and saddened to hear about Gary. He was always so kind to everyone and always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

SF

**Scheuermann Family** posted:

Our prayers and condolences go out to the Strahl family.

June 16 at 7:00 PM



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GS

**George, Beverly & William Syll** posted:

Donna & Kids: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We thought the world of Gary! He will be missed by so many people. We are here for you if you need anything. Love, The Sylls

June 16 at 7:00 PM

MF

**Martin Family** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We understand your pain and suffering from losing a father unexpectedly. May you find healing in your wonderful memories with your loved one. You will always have the best angel watching over you every day! God bless! Joyce, Juston, Jaret, Janae, and Jason Martin

June 16 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Mike Swift** posted:

Donna and Family: Gary was widely respected in the marine community as the complete professional. Above all I remember Gary as a family man. He never lost sight of what was most important in life-that was his family whom he loved so dearly. I am fortunate to have known Gary and work with him on projects he will be missed.

June 16 at 7:00 PM

NS

**Nick Solsburg** posted:

Dear Strahl Family, I had only met and hung out with Mr. Strahl a few times, but when I did, he was one of the most kind and generous people I knew. Someone once told me that you can tell the measure of a father by the children he has raised, and in saying that, being a friend of Shane's, I can tell you that Mr. Strahl is an amazing man. I say "is" an amazing man because even though he is no longer with you on earth, he will always be in your hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

June 16 at 7:00 PM



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AU

**Art And Carol Upton** posted:

Dear Donna and Family, We are so sorry about your sudden loss. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We did not know Gary but we do know from others what a great person he was. Ellen notified us about his death and her comment was, "what a nice guy he was." God be with you in the days and months ahead. With fond regards and memories of you as one of the special kids on the block! Art and Carol Upton

June 15 at 7:00 PM

GP

**Glen A. Page** posted:

I deeply regret the loss of a good friend. I will miss him.

June 15 at 7:00 PM

LM

**Larry McNulty** posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss. May the love of those around you, help you through the days ahead. We at Port Arthur have only known Gary for a few years, but he was always in good spirits and spoke often about his family. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Larry McNulty

June 15 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Jack Bodman** posted:

My heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Gary's family and friends. He was always cheerful and respectful of all who worked with him, attributes I greatly admired. It was my privilege to know him and to work with him. God Bless. Gary we'll miss you until we see you on the other side.

June 15 at 7:00 PM

BT

**Bobbie Techau** posted:

Dear Donna & Family My heart and my tears are with you, "The heart remembers most what it has loved best--may memories comfort you." Your Family in Iowa

June 15 at 7:00 PM



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KD

**Kathy Doran** posted:

Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Kathy Doran

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DS

**Debbie Schroeder** posted:

Donna, Shane, Mandy, Frankie, Quinn, Words can't express my sorrow. We are praying that God will wrap his arms around you as you get through this time of loss. Gary was a wonderful man and father. We know he will be missed by all those who knew him. Boys, he was a great example for you and he will live on through you. Mandy, he will continue to protect you. Donna, we hope you can draw strength from those who love you. God be with you all. With deepest sympathy, Steve, Debbie, John, Jason & Chelsey Schroeder

June 15 at 7:00 PM

JH

**Julie Harris** posted:

Donna We have often talked about how long Gary & I had known each other- kindergarten ! Gary was always a kind and thoughtful person. When he spoke of you and the children ,his eyes just lit up !I am so sorry this has happened .My thoughts are with you. Love to you, Julie

June 15 at 7:00 PM

PL

**Paul And Debbie Lickteig** posted:

Donna and Family We were shocked and saddened to hear of Gary's passing. It takes us back to the family reunions and family events we were so lucky to have shared with him and your family. Know that our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. All our love Paul, Debbie, and Mitchell Lickteig

June 15 at 7:00 PM

WP

**Warren & Mary Parker** posted:

Donna & Family, We were shocked and saddened to hear of Gary's death. Please know that you and the children will be in our constant thoughts and prayers. Our Love, Warren & Mary

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JH

**Judy And Ferrell Heeter** posted:

Donna and family, we can't express the sadness we feel for you at this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Gary was a wonderful man and was always so kind to everyone. Love and Prayers, Judy and Ferrell Heeter

June 15 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Michael Stoebick** posted:

Our sincerest sympathy and condolences are extended to the Strahl family. May God bless all in this once happy.

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SA

**Steve Addison** posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences. I have known Gary for almost 10 years and all my dealing with him demonstrated his great character and work ethic. We will all miss Gary very much. Steve

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JG

**Jim Guidry** posted:

Dear Mrs. Strahl; Though we have never met; I knew Captain Gary very well. I have worked with him and benefited from his leadership for many years now. His honesty and true passion for people were evident in his life. I will dearly miss him and his mentorship. We met for the last time a few weeks ago in Port Arthur and Captain Gary was very kind and offered me his sage wisdom as he so often did. My prayers for peace and comfort are extended to our Father as I can only imagine your grief.

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AD

**Angela Drewes** posted:

We are so sorry for you and your family's loss. If ya'll need anything at all, let me know. You and your family are in our prayers. Love, Angela and Scott

June 15 at 7:00 PM



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TE

**Tod Edmonds** posted:

Donna and kids-I am stunned and saddened by the news of Gary's passing. I first met Gary in H.S. when we were in NJROTC together. He was always a bright light, someone with a positive outlook who always had a twinkle in his eye. I enjoyed the time I spent with him (and Donna)and always looked forward to seeing him at reunions. He leaves a legacy of a great family and legion of friends. I will miss him greatly. God bless you all.

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KS

**Kim And Derek Stubbs** posted:

Donna and family- We were so sorry to here about Gary. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!!!

June 15 at 7:00 PM

JN

**Jackie Needham** posted:

When my son Ben shared the news about Mr. Strahl's death, I felt great sadness. I remember his coming to my house with his son Shane and my son Ben to build the dormitory bunk bed. What an undertaking it was on such a hot day. He never complained and took it in stride to help the two freshmen students have a remarkable bunk bed. I remember how Mr. Strahl would take time out of his busy schedule to attend class events for Quinn who was in my first grade class. He and Mrs. Strahl always held the interest of the children in their hearts. I know Mrs. Strahl still does. Your family is in our prayers. Most Sincerely, Doug and Jackie Needham

June 14 at 7:00 PM

KM

**Kevin Morgan** posted:

I had recently been introduced to Gary and we realized we knew one another from church. We shared the same section, at the same mass for years. He spoke so highly of the children and were so proud of all you. I am truly sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers. Kevin & Beryl Morgan

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RL

**Robin & David Love** posted:

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Gary was a fantastic man and friend. Donna, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. All our love.

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## Tribute Wall

**Captain Gary Lee Strahl**

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EE

**Erik And Shannon Ernst** posted:

Donna, You and your children are in our constant thoughts and prayers right now. I am here for you if you need anything at all and my heart is broken for you. I know that Gary will be sorely missed. All my love, Shannon

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CG

**Carol Pence Goethe** posted:

Donna, I am praying for you and your children. I know the depth of sorrow you feel. Please know that many of us are wrapping our arms around you and are praying for your family through this difficult time.

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EZ

**Eric Zanotelli** posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with the family as they experience this tremendous loss. I was one of the lucky people who was fortunate enough to become friends with Gary. He was a true gentleman and a thoughtful and caring friend. He was also an excellent example of a loving father and husband. I thank God he and his beautiful family came into my life. God please bless Gary's soul and also bless his family during this difficult time. Amen.

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GL

**Glenn And Amy Lickteig** posted:

Donna and kids- We are so sorry for your loss and you are in our prayers.

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CU

**Caitlin Udoka** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Much grace to the family.

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KC

**Kathy & Peter Cipolla** posted:

Donna & Family: Words cannot convey the sorrow we feel for you. Please know that Gary, you and the kids are in our thoughts & prayers. He was a wonderful person, a great Dad and thoughtful husband! Donna, you were blessed to find such a sweet guy - we'll miss him! Let us know if we can do anything for you. All our Love...

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LM

**Liz Michel** posted:

Praying for you all.... Love, Liz & Chad Michel

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SB

**Steven M. Bryan, Sr.** posted:

Gary was one of those folks that you never saw in a bad mood. I knew him for years both in business and and as a friend. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Steven M. and Kimberly Bryan.

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