



Gerard Hilbig

November 16, 1950 - January 10, 2021

Deacon Gerard “Gary” Hilbig

Gary Hilbig passed away on January 10th after a valiant battle with brain cancer. He was a well-loved man of service – giving of his time and talent to family, friends, and his Church community.

On November 16, 1950, Gary was the second of five children born to Emil and Anne Hilbig in San Antonio, TX. He grew up surrounded by the love and faith of his parents and a large extended family of Hilbigs and Cullinanes. This faith and family sustained him throughout his entire life.

Gary met his wife of 43 years, Mary “Ann” Comar Hilbig, on a blind date in 1976. After long distance dating for about 15 months, they married in Ann’s hometown of New Orleans on August 6, 1977. They lived in Houston where they raised their loving children, Michael and Emily – of whom he was incredibly proud.

He studied architecture at the University of Houston and practiced his trade for more than 30 years. He loved art and design and enjoyed creating brightly-colored and whimsical paintings. He shared this hobby with a group of dear friends – the Dead Painters Society – for more than 25 years. He had very eclectic tastes in art as well as in sports, music, reading, and travel

destinations.

In 2003, Gary was ordained as a permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. He served his beloved faith community, All Saints Catholic Church, for 16 years until his illness prevented him from continuing. In 2013, he was hired to lead the Clergy Pastoral Outreach Ministry for the Archdiocese – providing pastoral care for retired priests and deacons – a ministry to which he was truly devoted for six years until his retirement.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Anne Hilbig and brother James of San Antonio. He is survived by his wife Ann, children Michael (Leslie) and Emily (Mark) of Houston; siblings Bill (Beth) of Palm City, FL, Mary Salazar (Carlos) of Sutherland Springs, TX, and Linda Gonzales of La Vernia, TX; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, great nieces, and great great niece and nephew.

Visitation will take place on Friday, January 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m., with a vigil service and rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 16, 2021. Both services will take place at All Saints Church, 215 East 10th Street in Houston, Texas.

We will follow safety protocols with limited seating available after family and close friends are accommodated (150 attendees in total). Masks and physical distancing are required. The funeral Mass will also be livestreamed at the All Saints Facebook page: @AllSaintsHouston.

The family understands that there are many who would like to be present but are unable to travel or attend due to pandemic-related concerns. Sometime later this year, when gatherings are permitted without undue fears or restrictions, a memorial mass will be scheduled followed by a barbecue dinner where family and friends can come together to celebrate Gary's life and share

stories. Information about this event will be shared widely in multiple ways.

Ann, Michael, and Emily wish to thank their many family members and friends who were so very attentive during the 20 months of Gary's illness. Especially important have been his sister, Linda, who spent the last 2½ months with us as a caregiver and companion, the couples in our Teams of Our Lady marriage enrichment group, the hospice staff of Vitas Healthcare, and the doctors and staff at Baylor College of Medicine and CHI St. Luke's Hospital. Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation should do so to All Saints Catholic Church, 215 E. 10th St., Houston, TX 77008 or donate online at [HERE](#).

Tribute Wall

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“ *g.michael rozman lit a candle +GOSPA, In The Name Of The Father, Son And Holy Ghost. Amen, I Say To You. The Lord Bless You And Keep You. The Lord Let His Face Shine Upon You And Be Gracious To You. The Lord Lift Up His Countenance To You And Grant You Eternal Rest. Praise Be Jesus, Mary And Joseph. Pocivaj u Miru. +g.michael rozman.*



g.michael rozman - November 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Deacon Robert Stevens lit a candle My sincerest condolences and prayers to my Brother Deacon's family, his Brother Deacon's, the parish of All Saints Catholic Church, and all who knew Deacon Gary. Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, and let Perpetual light Shine upon him.*



Deacon Robert Stevens - January 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Deacon Joe and MaryLou Duplan lit a candle*



Deacon Joe and MaryLou Duplan - January 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Deacon Darrell lit a candle Deacon Darrell Moulton sends his prayerful condolences to Anne and family.*



Deacon Darrell - January 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rev. Jimmy Grace lit a candle I am grateful to have known Gary through our shared ministry of Heights House and Heights Tower. I know he is a blessing to All Saints Church. I am grateful he is in God's eternal embrace.*



Rev. Jimmy Grace - January 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM