



## Garrett James Crismore

February 1, 1950 - March 1, 2020

Garrett "Gary" James Crismore, 70, of Winter Park passed away peacefully on March 1, 2020 after a courageous 5 year battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Gary was born on February 1, 1950 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Basil and Rosemary (Zeller) Crismore.

The family moved to Peoria, Illinois when Gary was young and he spent his school years there. He served in the U.S. Navy 1970 - 1976 as a Communication Technician with tours in Iceland and Puerto Rico. Gary married Lynette Grawey at St Philomena Church in Peoria in 1971. She accompanied him to his duty stations and they returned to Peoria after his discharge from the Navy. Their children were born there, but shortly after the family moved to Winter Park in 1987 to escape the cold weather.

Gary is best known for his love of people. He enjoyed making people laugh and sharing stories with everyone. His career in sales enabled him to use these talents to develop loyal customers who came to him to find solutions for any variety of issues. Gary acquired a love of soccer and spent his free time coaching teams for both children. Everyone who was with him during his illness commented on his positive attitude and never hearing a complaint.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Maria. He is survived by his devoted wife Lynette, daughter Katrine Zorn (Joseph) of Winter Park, son Brentley Crismore (Emily) of Orlando and grandsons, Clint Zorn and Caius Crismore. Also surviving are his siblings Teresa Vandiver (Michael), Michael Crismore (Debbie), Janet Afzelius (Nils), Cheryl Coughlin (James) and Patricia Spohnholtz (TJ).

You are invited to a Celebration of Life being held on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 AM (EDT) in the Chapel at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 526 Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789. Burial will be in Peoria, IL on a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CurePSP online at [PSP.org/Donate](https://PSP.org/Donate), by phone

443/578-5670 or mail CurePSP, 1216 Broadway, Second Floor, New York, New York 10001 or a charity of your choice.

The Crismore family invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall for this website.

# Comments

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Lynette, Katrine and Brent, although we cannot be with you today to celebrate Gary's life, we send our heartfelt condolences to the Crismore and Grawey families. You are in our prayers.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Rev 21:4)



**Trish Billingsley** - March 15, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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Herb and Trish Billingsley  
Fairfax, Virginia USA



Herb and Trish Billingsley - March 14, 2020 at 08:32 AM

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“ Gary has always been a great communicator and a "people-person" before we knew that title. Gary and Lynette have always been an amazing example of courage and strength and GOOD ATTITUDE through the medical challenges that came their way. Well Done, Gary, Faithful Servant. It is easy to imagine you dancing on the Heavenly streets of gold and spreading your encouraging words to all.

Jeanne Barclay - March 11, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ My most sincere condolences to Lynette and the family.

Many fond memories. He took me on my first saliboat ride - on the Illinois river! A real friend.

And I remember going to dinner with him and Lynette after my wife and I returned from 5 years in Europe to Peoria. A great way to 're-enter'.

I will always appreciate him being a part of my life.

**Michael Biggins** - March 10, 2020 at 02:59 AM

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“ Gary was always the first to get the group to laugh - he brightened the room, and made a family feel fuller and warmer. Some of my fondest early memories were anchored by Gary and our family vacations together. Heartfelt sympathy to the family he's left behind, and a mighty cheers to the legacy he built. Love and Prayers. John & Claire Casey

**John Casey** - March 09, 2020 at 08:05 PM

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“ Although we were cousins our paths didn't cross much. I do remember when Basil and Rose were married, when we visited them when I was a teen, and when Gary was born, so I have some good memories. Always when we were together it was a good time of stories of good times together. My prayers are with the family. John Crismore

**John Crismore** - March 08, 2020 at 04:14 PM

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“ Gary always said he was going to go to college and find me a husband and he did. I married his fraternity brother and best friend Michael. And then Gary married my best friend, Lynette. I will never forget how he used to call me when we were in college at different schools to ask me how to spell a word. I always tried to get him to look it up in the dictionary but he would say, "How am I going to do that if I don't know who to spell it." I loved his sense of humor and that glint he got in his eye when he knew he was going to surprise you or make you laugh. I will miss him and love him always.

**Tish Vandiver** - March 08, 2020 at 06:38 AM

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“ Please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear brother Gary . Love to you and your family , uncle Jim and aunt Mare.

**Mary Ann bernas** - March 08, 2020 at 12:32 AM