



## Dr. Gary Alan Howard

January 10, 1952 - October 16, 2018

Dr. Gary Alan Howard began life in Duluth, Georgia on January 10, 1952. He was the son of the late Bruce Barge and Bertha Hanson Howard. In the ensuing 66 years, Gary would evolve and become known by quite a number of titles. First and foremost, Gary was the child of a God in whom he had absolute and never wavering faith. His naturally quiet and unassuming nature underlay a man of deep and passionate conviction for the ideals he found in God's word and those truths upon which he built his life. He was passionate in his belief in the importance of missions for he wanted everyone to know the God he revered. Over the course of his career as a pastor, he served East Newnan Baptist, Mt. Vernon Baptist, Harrison Road Baptist and Bethel Baptist churches. Gary was a life long learner and a gifted teacher; always anxious to share his depth of knowledge. Galatians 6:9 states "As you teach, do not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time, you will reap a harvest of blessings". Nobody could believe that more than Gary because he found immense satisfaction in serving as a teacher. He had received his Doctorate in Theology from Emmanuel Bible College and would go on to teach there. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching high school students and did so at Landmark Christian School teaching Bible and Spanish. He also taught Spanish at East Coweta High School. Although his proper title was Dr. Gary Howard, Gary was a jovial man and seemed to have always have a little candy in his pocket to share. Like the cowboys in the western movies, Gary was determined to leave this world with his boots on and paid his last visit to his school to be sure his students were cared for only a week ago. Gary is survived by his devoted wife and life partner, Deborah Caldwell "Debbie" Howard. He was a patient, compassionate and exemplary father to Philip Howard and his wife Kelly, Ami Morris and Shannon Brooks and her husband Chris. Nobody had a greater place in Gary's heart than his grandchildren Corbin Howard, Beau Brooks and Doc Brooks. Also surviving are his siblings Bruce Howard, Jr. and his wife Martha, Phyllis Howard and Pam Howard. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family will receive friends on Friday from 6:00 PM til 9:00 PM. The service to honor and remember his life will be on Saturday in the McKoon chapel at 2:00 PM and will be led by Reverend Jonathan Porter. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers and in honor of his lifelong dedication to education, it is suggested that memorial contributions be made in his

honor to a scholarship established at East Coweta High School. Donations with the notation "Dr. Gary Howard Scholarship" may be sent to East Coweta High School 400 Highway 154 Sharpsburg, GA 30277 or give online: [www.gofundme.com/gary-howard-memorial-scholarship](http://www.gofundme.com/gary-howard-memorial-scholarship). Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
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<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Tribute Wall

KT

“ Kelvin Thompson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Alan Howard



Kelvin Thompson - October 20, 2018 at 12:37 PM

KT

*I first met Gary while working at the Colonial food store on Greenville St.. His sister and I were classmates and later worked together at the Sheriff's Office. Gary was a prankster and would always welcome the opportunity to get one on you. He was a very kind person and would always share his love of God. May his wife, Pam and the rest of his family cherish his memories of his love of God, family and mankind. Go in peace my brother. I'll see you again.*

Kelvin Thompson - October 20, 2018 at 12:50 PM

GS

“ I remember meeting Gary Howard and his lovely family at church and Sunday school in LaGrange during the 1960's. He was always a wonderful person and Christian. May his dear wife and family be blessed with peace and comfort in all their wonderful memories of Gary. Gloria "Dawn" Strickland and Family

Gloria Dawn Strickland - October 20, 2018 at 02:40 AM

Jackson  
Fussell

“ Sr. Howard was by far one of the most caring teachers I ever had the privledge of having in high school. I remember eating breakfast or just talking with him every morning before school. I remember him always listening to his Cowboy Songs album(which I still have in my collection and will cherish always). Words will never be able to truly describe what an amazing man Sr. Howard was and still is up in Heaven. You will forever be loved and missed.

-Jackson "Jacobo" Fussell



Jackson Fussell - October 19, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ Sharon Loftin lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Alan Howard



Sharon Loftin - October 19, 2018 at 10:49 PM

RM

“ My first memory of Gary was riding the school bus together in elementary school, then on to graduate together from NHS in 1970. We became good friends at Mills Chapel Baptist Church, carpooled to West Georgia College and worked together at Colonial Store. I had such great respect for Gary that I asked him to be a groomsman in our wedding. He was a true soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ. Love and sympathy to the family,  
Ron and Diane Moore

Ron Moore - October 19, 2018 at 06:02 PM

AS

“ Mr. Howard was always so kind and cheerful. He was a tremendous help to me during my years as a teacher. I know his presence will be missed at ECHS and beyond.

Aimee Shaver - October 19, 2018 at 02:19 PM

TD

“ Theresa Loftin Davis lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Alan Howard



Theresa Loftin Davis - October 19, 2018 at 12:17 PM

BW

“ Betty Wessinger lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Alan Howard



Betty Wessinger - October 19, 2018 at 09:41 AM

KS

“ *Kathi W. Sumner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Alan Howard*



Kathi W. Sumner - October 19, 2018 at 09:40 AM

SW

“ *I used to substitute teach for Dr. Howard and on the same wing where he taught many years at East Coweta. I minored in Spanish and we had the love of foreign language in common. I don't think there was ever a time that he wasn't smiling. I ran into him at Publix at Thomas Crossroads one evening and didn't recognize him at first since he wasn't wearing his usual dress suit and tie. He stopped and we chatted awhile and I'd been feeling down that day until I saw Gary. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Howard family, friends, students and parishioners.*

Susan Weegar - October 18, 2018 at 10:58 PM

BT

“ *A wonderful kind man! Had him 22 years ago as a teacher and his imprint remains strong in my life. Well done sir!*

Bryan Tabakian - October 18, 2018 at 10:14 PM

NW

“ *Gary was a sweet, kind boy ..then man!!! May God bless his family!!❤️*

nancy williamson - October 18, 2018 at 07:42 PM

DM

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Gary was always so very kind to everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless! Love, Delilah Meadows*

Delilah Meadows - October 18, 2018 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ *Jennifer Haygood lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Alan Howard*



Jennifer Haygood - October 18, 2018 at 02:09 PM

CG

“ So sorry to hear that Gary passed away. He was pastor at Mt. Vernon and our family loved him. He was a very intelligent, gracious and loving. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. Praying for comfort and peace for the family.  
Carole Green

Carole Green - October 18, 2018 at 12:50 PM

EL

“ My heart is so hurt to hear of Mr. Gary's passing. I will always remember his big, wonderful smile, his laughter, and his jokes that I could never answer. I loved and respected him greatly. I am truly grateful of the last time I saw him with his kind words and his big embrace. That has always been embedded in my memory and will always be cherished in my heart. His story through this is so courageous, and him and Debbie both are a huge inspiration to me. My heart and prayers are with the entire family. Love Always, Erica Leach

Erica Leach - October 18, 2018 at 11:55 AM

KS

“ Mr. Howard taught my daughter (Kourtnie) spanish at ECHS. He was such a wonderful teacher and person.  
He will be missed by so many people.  
I pray for the family of Mr. Howard today and the days to come.

Kelly Sims - October 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

WT

“ Wilson And Jane Treadwell lit a candle in memory of Dr.  
Gary Alan Howard



Wilson and jane Treadwell - October 18, 2018 at 08:20 AM

Angela Cambas

“ Thinking of the family at this time. Gary was loved by all who knew him and will be missed so.

Angela Cambas - October 18, 2018 at 06:22 AM

Angela Cambas

“ *Angela Cambas lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Alan Howard*



Angela Cambas - October 18, 2018 at 06:21 AM

FH

“ *From Glenn & Teressa Hall for Phyllis Howard purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dr. Gary Alan Howard.*



From Glenn & Teressa Hall for Phyllis Howard - October 17, 2018 at 09:52 PM

DM

“ *Gary is one of the most Godly men I know. I lost track of his PhD's & Master's Degrees, but more important than that is that he knew God's word and lived it everyday. Gary was an example of what God wants a man to be. I love him dearly for encouraging me, counseling me in the word, and showing me how iron sharpens iron. Love you man.*

David Moore - October 17, 2018 at 05:19 PM