



## Dr. Gary Edward Forsythe

October 21, 1962 - October 30, 2023

Dr. Gary Edward Forsythe, 71, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on October 30, 2023. He was born on October 21, 1952, in Peoria, Illinois. Dr. Forsythe, also known as "Gary," was a beloved professor and scholar, whose passion for ancient history, particularly Classical Greece, was unparalleled.

Despite facing challenges in his life, including being blind since the age of 12 and having over 80% hearing loss, Gary's determination and love for learning never wavered. He dedicated his career to educating others, teaching at prestigious institutions such as the University of Chicago, Strathmore, Bren Mar, and Texas Tech University, where he served as a tenured professor. His expertise and knowledge were recognized when he was invited to assist in special projects at the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton and Penn State.

In addition to his academic achievements, Gary was a prolific author, having written over 9 books on ancient history. His contributions to the field will continue to inspire future generations of scholars.

Gary had two great loves in his life. His first was his wife, Dorothy. Dorothy was his companion for over 20 years until her passing on March 8, 2003. His second love was teaching and sharing his passion for ancient history with his students. He leaves behind a legacy of knowledge, and his impact on his

students' lives will be remembered fondly.

Gary was preceded in death by his beloved wife Dorothy and Step Son Scott Pathel. Gary is survived by his stepdaughters, Susan O'Holleran and Carolyn Gould. He was particularly close to his two eldest granddaughters, Charissa O'Holleran and Jennifer Bushman, who held a special place in his heart. He also leaves behind five more grandchildren: Caitlin Blanchard, Nikita Harrod, Eugene Huffman, Briana O'Holleran, Savannah Bell and his great grandson Phillip Huffman along with two great grandchildren who he loved very much.

In memory of Dr. Gary Forsythe, the family kindly requests that flowers be sent to his house for a small family service. The ceremony will be a private gathering to honor his life and celebrate his contributions to the field of ancient history.

Gary's dedication, resilience, and passion for knowledge will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the academic community. May his memory live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched throughout his remarkable life.

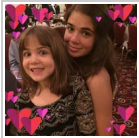
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“ Gary was quite an amazing person. We had many interesting conversations around his dining room table. We shared many similar political views. My husband and Gary enjoyed a few guitar songs and singing. We had something in common with the fond memories of dear friends from the past. He loved his wife Dorothy and his beloved guide dogs and cat. His guide dog Bentley was truly named appropriately. I was deeply touched when I recently came by his house to drop off his Christmas card to see some of the statuary of his dogs on the front porch. That was an expression of Gary's love and devotion to his pets and also many dedications to what an who he loved and cherished in his home. I would make sure they were arranged well on the porch and home. Reast in peace Gary (Professor )

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**Sandy Weller-Crawford** - December 12, 2023 at 11:17 PM



“ Dr. Forsythe was an educator, his scholarship reached and influenced countless students. He is the perfect example of one persevered despite of his handicap. Dr. Forsythe will be missed by all that knew him. RIP.

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**Faissal Zeitouni** - November 06, 2023 at 09:43 PM

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*I find it necessary to share one of my fondest memories of Dr. Forsythe. My son, Chris and I were replacing an air conditioner in his outbuilding where he stored many of his books. After completing the project I needed to wash my hands in the tiny bathroom and noticed the bulbs had burned out. I asked Dr. Forsythe if he wanted me to replace the lights and his answer was "why". It was an honor and pleasure to know him.*

*Gonzalo San Miguel Jr*

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**Gonzalo San Miguel Jr.** - November 17, 2023 at 10:27 PM

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*We had the pleasure of having over to one of our family gatherings. He complimented my husbands cooking*

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**Santos and Silvia Canales** - November 19, 2023 at 05:32 PM

BH

*Gary was an astonishing person. I met him and Dorothy and Thea (the first seeing eye dog) at Penn in the early 1980s. Gary was a focused scholar. We spent many hours chasing Calpurnius Piso through the pages of the Pauly Wissowa; I could read out the German well enough, but butchered the Greek and Latin. Gary took it all in stride and always found what he sought in the end. It was an honor to know him.*

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**Bill Heins** - April 24, 2024 at 09:18 PM