



Gary White Gross

August 4, 1945 - March 17, 2011

Gary White Gross, age 65, died Thursday evening at his home surrounded by his family after a long, courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Services for Gary are Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church. Visitation to follow from 2:00 until 5:30 p.m. at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Wilburn Gross and Elizabeth White Gross.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherri Keyes Gross, of 43 years; one son, Gary Markham Gross of Nashville, TN; one daughter, Sara Gross Lovell and husband, Chip Lovell, of Athens, Al; two beloved granddaughters, Riley Lovell and Bella Lovell; two sisters, Gayla Gross Coleman and husband, Bob, of Whitney, TX; Linda Gross Romine and husband, Maurice, of Madison, Al; one brother, Wilburn Dale Gross and wife, Mary, of Melbourne, Fl; mother-in-law, Bernice Keyes and her late husband, Hubbard Keyes, of Athens; two brothers-in-law, Richard Keyes and wife, Malinda, of Rogersville, Al; Bill Keyes and wife, Peggy, of Athens, Al; step mother, Bertha Knight Gross of Somerville, Al; step-brothers: Jerry Knight and wife, Jane, of Decatur, Al; Phil Knight and wife, Karen of Somerville, Al; Mark Knight and wife, Sheila, of Jasper, Al. He is survived by several nephews, nieces, one aunt and a host of

cousins. He was a much loved physician who leaves behind a host of beloved patients and friends.

Gary was a 1963 graduate of Athens High School; a 1966 graduate of Auburn University; a 1970 graduate of the University of Alabama Medical School. He completed his internship at St. Vincents Hospital , Birmingham, Al in 1971. He returned to Athens and was a General Practitioner from July of 1971 to July of 1972 at which time he entered a three year Obstetrics & Gynecology residency program at Tulane University/Charity Hospital, New Orleans. He returned to Athens and opened his specialized practice in July of 1975. He was the first doctor in the Tennessee Valley to allow fathers in the delivery room. He closed his medical practice in January of 2010 due to his health.

Gary was passionate about his country. He served in the National Guard. In 1990 he was commissioned to serve in the Middle East during Desert Storm. He served with the 251st Evacuation Hospital. He completed his service as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Gary was passionate about whatever he was involved in whether it was flying, bike riding, skiing, golf or cheering on his beloved Auburn Tigers. He was known for his devotion to his patients, his loyalty to family and friends, his unwavering integrity, and his strength and perseverance.

Gary was a faithful Christian. His last selfless act was donating his body to medical research. His life will be celebrated at a memorial service, time and place to be announced. Limestone Chapel Funeral Home will handle arrangements for the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to:

Hospice of Limestone County, 405 South Marion Street, Athens, Al 35611

The Bridge at Valley Church, P.O. Box 1381, Athens, Al 35612

Auburn University Foundation: Gross Family Endowment for Scholarships

College of Science & Mathematics

315 Roosevelt Concourse

COSAM Office of Development

Auburn, AI 36849

Russell Hill Cancer Foundation, Inc, 3601 CCI Drive NW, Suite 240,

Huntsville, AI 35805

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *251st Evacuation Hospital*

John Lowry - May 06, 2011 at 11:21 PM

SS

“ *Deepest sympathy to the entire family from the sister & sister-in-law of Maurice & Linda Romine. My heart aches for you in your time of grief.*

Shan Gladys Romine Swanson & Stewart - April 02, 2011 at 10:43 PM

MT

“ *My condolences to Sherri and the family. David Ellis kept me informed about Gary's illness after I contacted him about wanting to get the CSC together from 1965-67 +/- . My prayers are with you and your grief. I remember you as a couple at church in Auburn, your spritual family is a great and solid comfort.*

Martha Humphrey Tisdale - March 29, 2011 at 11:21 AM

LH

“ *He was a great man. He will surely be missed.*

Leah Wunderlich Hughes - March 28, 2011 at 11:15 AM

KA

“ *I thought the world of Dr. Gross. He really helped me through a lot.*

Kippy Bailey Adcock - March 28, 2011 at 11:14 AM

MH

“ How proud you must all be to have had Gary as your husband, father, and friend. He was truly a great man. I only wish Emerson and I could have been there. I've been talking to Sherri(Forehand) some tonight as she is driving home and she is sooooo glad she could be there. She said the service was beautiful. Know that we will keep you Sherri, Markham, and Sarah in our prayers. Love to all of you.

marcia forehand hoffman - March 27, 2011 at 10:38 PM

SW

“ To the family of my wonderful doctor gary gross. God bless you at this sad time. I first started with the doctor in the seventies and stayed to the sad end. but i trusted only him.because he saved my life two times what a wonderful man and doctor not forgotten,

Sherrie Watson - March 27, 2011 at 09:45 PM

EE

“ You will be missed by many, including me. You were such a great compasionate physician. Thank you for the many years of service to patients such as myself. God bless your family during this trying time.

Elizabeth Evans - March 27, 2011 at 04:39 PM

MG

“ Sherri we are very sorry about Gary. Our thoughts are with you and i have been asking Peggy about you, so if there is anything we can do for you please let us know

Mike & Martha Graul - March 26, 2011 at 11:09 AM

MW

“ I was a patient of Dr. Gross from 1975 until he closed his office in 2010. He delivered our son Jeremy in 1976. He always took time to listen and explain things to my satisfaction, never in a hurry. I had complete faith in him. I don't think I will ever find a more caring or capable doctor. He will certainly be missed. My prayers are with you at this time.

Madolyn Whitt - March 26, 2011 at 09:58 AM

DM

“ TO THE FAMILY OF GROSS FAMILY I AM SO SO SORRY TO HEAR THE DEATH OF DR GARY GROSS AND I LOVE YALL AND I THINK ABOUT YALL AND PRAYING FOR YALL. IF YALL NEED ANYTHING AT ALL JUST LET ME KNOW. I LOVE DR GARY HE WAS MY FAVORITE FRIEND AND WHO ALWAYS DOING WHAT BEST FOR HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HE IS HONEST KIND UNDERSTAND AND GREAT CHRISTIAN HE IS A FATHER OF TWO AND GRANDFATHER AND A HUSBAND TO SHERRY. MAY GOD BLESS YALL.

DEBBIE MOORE - March 25, 2011 at 09:07 PM

ME

“ Our lives were blessed by the kindness and friendship of Dr. Gross. He was a wonderful and gracious Dr. to me for 29 years and for the birth of our six children. We pray comfort in your loss.

Melody and Donald Evans - March 25, 2011 at 06:28 PM

RL

“ We are thinking about you during this very stressful time. Gary was a fine man and friend.

Rex and Pat Lewis - March 25, 2011 at 10:53 AM

LW

“Gone from our daily lives but never forgotten. You will live on in our hearts for ever.

Lanna Whitehead - March 25, 2011 at 10:34 AM

MO

“I thank God for the life of Dr. Gary Gross. May he rest in eternal peace.

Margaret M. Oliver - March 25, 2011 at 08:25 AM

EM

“I worked with Dr. Gross in L&D when I first started nursing in 1986. Each am after my shift I was not coming back, if I had to work with Dr. Gross. But we finally came to an understanding, and I came to love and respect him. I will really miss him!!!!!!

Ellen Minyard - March 25, 2011 at 12:36 AM

BP

“Dear Sheri and family,

I cherished the times when I would visit Auburn with Jerry Batts and Gary and during those trips, I loved his great sense of humor and ability to make everyone feel they were special. He possessed the uncanny ability to see the good in everyone and I never once heard him utter a cross word to anyone.

Becky and Tom Pieplow - March 24, 2011 at 09:13 PM

JS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have never met a more caring human being as a doctor and as a friend. As we on earth are saying "he is gone" - there are many others in Heaven saying "here he comes".

Janet Shinkunas - March 24, 2011 at 07:08 PM

KS

“ My heart felt sympathy goes to your family. I'm the assistant manager of AnswerTel and worked with Dr Gross for many many years. He will be missed.

Kathy Shughart - March 24, 2011 at 04:15 PM

BS

“ Dear Sherry and family, Our sincerest condolences for your loss. Our thouths and prayers go out to you. Gary was a great guy and we will miss him.

Billy & Marsha Smith - March 24, 2011 at 04:08 PM

JT

“ When I was told that Dr. Gross had passed away it touched me and made me sad. I was his patient for twenty something years. He was a very kind and caring Dr. He always had time to sit and talk with his patients. I feel blessed to have known him.

Janice Thornton - March 24, 2011 at 03:05 PM

LF

“ Dr. Gross delivered me, LaTia Dawn Freeman (Tia)34 years ago on March 23, 1977 (I celebrated my birtdhay on yesterday) my mother is Bettye L. Freeman and Dr. Gross was her doctor until he retired this year (1976-2010)he will truly be missed in our community! Prayers to the Gross family & friends from LaTia (Tia)& Bettye Freeman

LaTia Dawn Freeman - March 24, 2011 at 02:55 PM

KT

“ Your family is in our prayers. We love you.

Katie Tosh - March 24, 2011 at 02:44 PM

CW

“ Our prayers are with you and your family.

Carol Meadows Wales - March 24, 2011 at 02:39 PM

RM

“ Tom and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Rhonda McAlister - March 24, 2011 at 02:35 PM

PM

“ I, like so many, thought Dr. Gross was the best of the best. I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Pat Moore - March 24, 2011 at 01:05 PM

BH

“ Sherri, Cheryl and I want to tell You how sorry We are to hear about Gary. Our thoughts and prayers are with You and Your Family. Gary will be missed by alot of people. He was a great Doctor to all of His patiens

Beverly (Braden) Holt - March 24, 2011 at 11:17 AM

HE

“ Sherri; My deepest symathy to you & family: Gary will be deeply missed: I am so glad that he & Will became friends & spent many hours on the golf course together: My prayers for you always: Helen Evans

Helen Evans - March 24, 2011 at 10:42 AM

LK

“ I am so sorry about the lose of a very good doctor, i started seeing him at a very early age, he also save myself and my oldest child n 94 due to complication, he has help me throw alot, he was one of the good doctors that would just tell u the truth even if it didn't concern anything about obgyn, i just wish there were more doctors like him but i don't thing nobody could ever fill his shoes, i will always remember him, i am so sorry for you all lost

Lataine Massey Key - March 24, 2011 at 09:43 AM

LH

“ Dear Sherri & family: I am sorry that we will not be there on Sunday...but, know that our love, thoughts and prayers are with you all as you celebrate the life of a great humanitarian. Lacey and I sincerely appreciate the caring love that Dr. Gross fully embraced and shared with all of us. Our daughters' births were made ever more special by his calm and caring love for what he was doing for us. Thank you for sharing with us. Love, Lacey, Carl, Elizabeth & Catherine Hunt

Lacey, Carl, Elizabeth & Catherine Hunt - March 23, 2011 at 09:48 PM

DP

“ Will be sadly missed and forever remembered.

Donna Parsons - March 23, 2011 at 09:05 PM

JP

“ Dr. Gross Was a great doctor and will be greatly missed by all in Athens.

James & Phyllis Putman - March 23, 2011 at 05:36 PM

LB

“ Sherri, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. Lakin

Lakin Boyd - March 23, 2011 at 09:53 AM

CJ

“ May God be with this family through the loss of their very loving and kind husband, father, son and friend. He was my physician for 30+ years and delivered both of my children. He never failed to ask about them or my husband when I would go for my checkup every year. We always loved to talk Auburn football!!!! I loved him dearly and will always miss him!

Chrystal Jones - March 22, 2011 at 09:50 PM

AB

“ Sherri....you and your family are remembered in our prayers. Gary was a great doctor and great friend.

Ann & John Bernhard - March 22, 2011 at 04:42 PM

RR

“ Gary was a friend and classmate at Auburn. My warmest condolences to his wife and family. "And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." God Bless

Roland Reagan - March 22, 2011 at 03:24 PM

LW

“ God be with you during this time.
Gary was a friend I had never met yet I appreciated his concern, his humor, and
love of humanity, all through e-mail.
Lila White, Tempe, Arizona

Lila L. White - March 22, 2011 at 01:14 PM

JH

“ My heart is very sadden about the passing of Dr.Gary Gross.What a wonderful person he was.Last time I saw him in tne office i told him he was just like my 2nd daddy. My love to you Dr. Gross and your entire family.

Jane and Ricky Hargrove - March 22, 2011 at 12:36 PM

BR

“ I am saddened to hear of Dr. Gross' passing. He was my first OB/GYN at 18 years of age. He delivered both my children. He was a wonderful compassionate doctor. My sympathy is extended to all his family. God bless you.

Brenda Rewan - March 22, 2011 at 10:45 AM

DM

“ All of our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss Gary's smiling face.
Mark, Denita, and Marie McElyea

Denita McElyea - March 22, 2011 at 10:43 AM

EC

“ To the family of Dr. Gross, my heart goes out to you and my prayers are with you. Dr. Gross will be missed by a lot of people. He was a great doctor and I will always think of how he helped me in the year of 1992. He was a great man!

Estella Crutcher - March 22, 2011 at 10:14 AM

FC

“ My sincerest condolences to Sherri, Sara, and Markham for losing Gary. He was a wonderful man and a caring and skilled physician. I certainly admired and respected him. He lived his life to the fullest and rendered great service to his patients and the whole community.

Frank M. Cauthen - March 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM

PG

“ I was saddened to hear of Gary's passing. It was always a pleasure to see him whether at the Clubhouse when I was at Canebrake or in LuVici's having lunch at more recent times. Sincere condolences to your family and may you be comforted in the days ahead.

Paula

Paula George - March 21, 2011 at 06:17 PM

MG

“ Gary will be greatly missed.

Maxine (Mickey) Yockel Grigsby - March 21, 2011 at 05:26 PM

VL

“ When I was expecting my first child I started as a patient at Dr. Gross's office. The first time I met him I thought I had chosen the wrong Doctor to care for me and my child. He seemed a little gruff at first. But when I was in the hospital after I miscarried I found out real quick that he took exceptional care of his patients and how much the staff there respected him. I was also fortunate enough to have him deliver my first child and was very disappointed when he was not able to deliver my second child. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you.

Velma Lovell - March 21, 2011 at 02:44 PM

BH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I did not get a chance to meet Dr. Gross but had the privilege to work with his daughter Sara. After many conversations with Sara, I felt like I already knew him. I know this is a big loss to family and friends, but he is now celebrating his life forever.

Barry Henson - March 21, 2011 at 12:40 PM

AE

“ I am praying for each of you in this time of sorrow,

Anne Ethridge - March 21, 2011 at 12:21 PM

EF

“ We are thinking about you in your time of the loss of your love one. Our prayer are with you.

Ernie and Judy Ford - March 21, 2011 at 12:15 PM

RF

“ sorry for the loss to the family he was a great man and doctor

Reba Pack and family - March 21, 2011 at 11:07 AM

GP

“ Dr. Gross was my doctor for many years and delivered my first child. He was also one of my mother's many doctor's for years before her death. Momma had many medical issues and Gary was so kind and caring in his treatment and advising her. I missed him really big when I moved out of town and had to find new doctors....nobody compared for me. My deepest sympathy to Sherri, all the family and the whole Athens~Limestone medical community. I pray the Lord will comfort you and that you are able to rejoice in the knowledge that now Dr. Gross sits at the feet of the great physician!

Gayla Browning Patterson - March 21, 2011 at 11:02 AM

CR

“ My sympathy goes out to the family. Dr.Goss will be truly missed!

Catherine Ruffin - March 21, 2011 at 10:55 AM

KR

“ My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you, Sherry, and your family. The obituary pretty much explained to those that might not have known him as well as others, what a good man and doctor he really was. I have already missed him since he retired and will continue missing him but know he will no longer have to suffer. God bless you and your family.

Kelly and Vanessa Range - March 21, 2011 at 10:43 AM

SH

“ Dr. Gross will be missed so very much, my prayers go out to his family may God bless

Susan Holt - March 21, 2011 at 10:17 AM

HS

“ All heaven rejoiced March 17 as our Heavenly Father welcomed Gary home. Our hearts ache with yours but we know that one day we will see him again. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a wonderful employer, treasured friend and Christian brother. We will cherish his memory.

Helen and Jerry Schrimsher - March 21, 2011 at 09:56 AM

RW

“ Gary was truly 'one of a kind'. He led a courageous battle for many years. His Auburn spirit will continue in his stead. Gary was an inspiration to everyone. War Eagle, Gary!

Rick and Judy Wilhite - March 21, 2011 at 09:00 AM

LH

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family.

I was a classmate of Gary's at AHS.

Linda Gree Hill

Linda Green Hill - March 20, 2011 at 10:42 PM

MG

“ I'm was a patient of Dr.Gross for many years. He was a very caring and loving person. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Maude Grizzard - March 20, 2011 at 10:16 PM

MB

“ Dear Sherri,
Just know that your family is loved by the Lord especially during this time of trial. "You don't heal from the loss of a loved one because Time has passed. You heal because of what you DO with the Time" He will be missed!

Marinan Jackson Brewer - March 20, 2011 at 09:35 PM

KH

“ I worked with Dr Gross at ALH for many years, was also his patient and his facebook friend. He fought a brave fight and serves still as an inspiration to others. I pray for repose of his soul. I wish the Peace of the Lord for his family.

Kathryn Gordon Hall - March 20, 2011 at 09:05 PM

RM

“ Gary was a great man and friend! He will be missed! He was so gracious when I arrived in town and was so excited I graduated from Auburn. I greatly appreciate the warmth and friendship he showed me.

R. Keith Hill, MD - March 20, 2011 at 09:04 PM

DT

“ He meant a lot to us & our family! Plain and simple...we loved him.

Debbie & Galen Terry - March 20, 2011 at 08:45 PM

SF

“ Sherri, Markham, Sara and the rest of the family....All of you will continue to be in my prayers. I love you all and look forward to celebrating Gary's wonderful life with you next Sunday.

Sherri Leigh Forehand - March 20, 2011 at 08:36 PM

JL

“ *I am sad for everyones loss.*

Joe Mark Sowell (ALH Lab.) - March 20, 2011 at 07:54 PM

KC

“ *Our prayers go out to the Gross family, Dr. Gross was a special man who cared for his patients be on the expected, he will be truly missed but never forgotten*

Kimberly Adams Craig - March 20, 2011 at 07:46 PM

JC

“ *I admire Dr Gross for always being an individual of integrity and friendliness. He will be missed by many. God bless the family through this time of grief.*

Jolene Christopher - March 20, 2011 at 05:24 PM

SB

“ *Dear Sherry and family,*

We are saddened by the loss of Gary but comforted by your friendship and our recollection of his full life. May your treasure of memories bring solace to you in the coming days.

Sam and Joyce

Sam and Joyce Buchanan - March 20, 2011 at 03:41 PM

NB

“ *I miss Dr. Gross dearly because he was a father figure to me as well as my physician. I have not found another like him; he is irreplaceable. He fought a courageous battle against his cancer. My deepest sympathy to his family.*

Nancy Barksdale - March 20, 2011 at 03:27 PM

BD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. There are no words that can be said to help with the loss you are feeling, so consider this a BIG hug. I started work at ALH in 1982 & worked with Dr. Gross delivering babies & taking care of his patients until I changed jobs in the hospital in 1997. I learned a lot from him & enjoyed working with him. He was also my doctor, until he closed his practice. My aunt & grandmother also worked with him at the hospital. He was a very caring man dedicated to his family & his job. I feel like I know you, his family, just from him talking about you. May God bless you & comfort you as only He can.

Beverly Deffenbaugh - March 20, 2011 at 03:20 PM

TS

“ Dr. Gross was an amazing man. To be going through radiation or chemo, he would make it to my spinning classes and always had a smile on his face. Absolutely incredible! I remember asking him one time why he didn't retire and enjoy his life. He said because he wanted to give to his patients and not be focused on himself.

Tina Swann - March 20, 2011 at 03:00 PM

SB

“ Dr. Gross was my doctor from 1976 until I moved out of town in 1986. He delivered my 2 children. He was always so kind and such a blessing to me and my family. I know he will be missed. My love and prayers to the family.

Sally Browning - March 20, 2011 at 02:29 PM

GB

“ I was Dr. Gross' patient in the late 70s and early 80s before moving from the area. He was kind and compassionate. I will miss him.

Georgia Barker - March 20, 2011 at 02:17 PM

GS

“ Would like to say I was a patient of Dr. Gross for quite a few years, remember him very kindly. He always seemed to make me comfortable, would talk with me one to one. He will be sorely missed by his family, community, and many others who knew him. A very fine man.
Gladys Shannon

Gladys Shannon - March 20, 2011 at 02:08 PM

TH

“ To the Family of Dr. Gross, God bless you and comfort you in your loss. Dr. Gross was always so kind to my Mother, Ruth Owens. Even though he was sick, he always took so much time with Mother, asking about her family (even naming them) and giving her pep talks. As you know, he was a Good Man.

Terri Owens Holland - March 20, 2011 at 12:32 PM

CB

“ March 20, 2011
Our prayers and condolences to the family in your loss. Gary was a wonderful physician and friend. We will miss him so much.

Cindy & Jonny Bennett - March 20, 2011 at 10:41 AM

SC

“ Dr Gross will be greatly missed he was a great and compassionate man. God Bless his family.

Shirley Clinard - March 20, 2011 at 09:27 AM

EP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Gary. He was a wonderful person and will be missed .Eva Pettus

eva pettus - March 19, 2011 at 10:15 PM

SF

“ *Dr.Gary will be remembered warmly through the photos I have of him delivering my youngest daughter.*

Sharon Pepper Gant and family - March 19, 2011 at 08:47 PM

PB

“ *Dear Sherry and Family,
My heartfelt prayers are with you and your family. I will always have such fond memories of Gary.
He will be missed.*

pam blacklidge - March 19, 2011 at 06:39 PM

LJ

“ *My sympathy to the Family and Friends of Dr.Gary.He delivered my youngest son in 1976.May he Rest in Peace.*

Linda J. - March 19, 2011 at 11:36 AM

GU

“ *Main Album*

Guest - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM