

lil' Gary's Legacy

A Ministry of Christian Resource Center

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."

Psalm 145:18

Our purpose became clear, good works in loving memory of our precious son.

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In February 2012, as we were preparing to launch our website and facebook page to commemorate the ten year anniversary of Gary's death, our 29 year old daughter Tiffany died suddenly of an accidental overdose. Tiffany suffered with severe depression and it was difficult for her to cope with her brother's death. Our hearts ache with sadness over the great loss of our sweet daughter, however we know she is at peace with God and suffers no more pain.

We are comforted by Tiffany's prayer journal entry shortly before she died: "Dear Lord Jesus, I love you Lord Jesus. Please forgive me of all my many sins. You say in your Holy Word, 'If I confess with my mouth you will be faithful and just to forgive me, (Tiffany), of all unrighteousness.' "

Tiffany helped with selecting songs for the facebook page and was excited about reaching out in her brother's memory. She was tenderhearted always wanting to help others in their life struggles. In honor of this we have moved forward with the website and facebook page. It is truly what we believe God has called us to do. Our sweet Tiffany is remembered with a slideshow tribute, a written memorial and picture on the memorial wall of the website.

"For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands."

Psalm 90:17

The website and Facebook page share Gary's story along with helpful resources and suicide prevention information. We also have inspiring testimonies that speak to those who have lost hope; whether they are just going through the motions of life or barely holding on. Our Memorial Wall is a place for family members to share about and honor their loved one lost to suicide or mental illness. Visit our website at www.lilgaryslegacy.org.

God is good and we trust Him with our lives. Our children are gifts that live on through the telling of our story. Although the heartbreak of losing them is great, woven into the fabric of our story is Hope... Hope in a God who never leaves or forsakes us, even when the worst happens; Hope in a Savior who gives us strength for each new day; Hope that transcends circumstance. Our Hope is in God alone. He truly is the anchor of our soul.

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..." Hebrews 6:19

Our Story for His Glory, Gary and Kathryn Ross