



## Gary Zelasko

April 19, 1961 - October 30, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gary J. Zelasko, born on April 19, 1961, in Chicago, Illinois, to Theodore and Rosemary Zelasko. His father remarried after Rosemary's death to Irene Leggo. He was a brother to Mark Zelasko, the late Ronald Zelasko, and Irene's children Thea Evans, and Andrea Rojas. Gary, a loving husband to Lisa Page Zelasko, married in 1992, and was a devoted father to his three children Bethany, Areli, and Israel. He was also a proud grandfather to his precious grandchild Zoe, more fondly known as Papa. He attended St. Viators High School before pursuing higher education at the University of Illinois Chicago, where he graduated in 1984.

Throughout his esteemed career, he began in television and ended in ministry, he was a beloved colleague and role model in every workplace. His notable career included Account Executive at Blair Television, National Sales Manager at CBS TV, CEO of Luminescence Catalog -he ran with his wife Page-, Director of Marketing at Harvest Christian Fellowship, Adjunct Professor of Film Studies at CBU, and President of Lasting City Marketing. Gary touched the lives of many before passing away. Gary was a

melomaniac, more often than not he could be found jamming out to his favorite tunes. He enjoyed playing his congas, in the 80's he was a band member of Numerous Complaints where he played percussion. He enjoyed long walks on the beach often walking miles a day, even after he lost the ability to walk he still enjoyed being pushed in his wheelchair to a scenic point. Above all he loved spending time with his family and God, he was a devoted loving husband and father. He was a very faithful Christian and a light in this world, he embodied Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." ; Gary was an extraordinary man there are not enough words to describe the legacy he leaves behind for his family. On October 30, 2024, in Ponte Vedre, Florida, Gary passed away at home from complications as a result of a stroke, leaving behind cherished memories and a heritage of love.

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ Gary was a bastard who threatened his own daughter with disowning her if she kept my child. The outcome? She was forced to give up my one and only daughter for adoption. His extreme Christian belief and obliviousness to everyone else’s success as his family was losing money on a bad investment and his ever deteriorating marriage were one of the reasons he was so disrespected within this family. All his threats to me were meaningless when he was not man enough to face me face to face to handle whatever threats he made towards me. I’m not a religious man but right after I was forced back to my state having fought for my daughter, all the bad that he did came back to haunt him and quickly.

Ruben Torres - April 12 at 06:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Zelasko.

November 20, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Zelasko.



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“ *Uncle Gary was one of the kindest people I have ever known. He was my Dad's youngest brother. My fondest memory is of Christmas Eves spent at my grandparents house and the many jokes I would overhear between Uncle Gary and Grandad. And the many pictures of Uncle Gary and myself as a child.*

*He always knew what to say and made everyone around him feel loved.*

*I will miss him dearly.*

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**Rose Cikowski** - November 20, 2024 at 02:11 PM

BZ

*Yes Gary was the best ! I have very fond memories of him and his brother Ron all that left this life too soon .A man who spent his life serving his church and family .I always remember the smile in his face every time we would see him.*

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**betty zelasko** - November 21, 2024 at 04:34 PM

RT

*The clergy could not save his evil souls from taking my beautiful blue eyed daughter away from me. Behind the scenes he schemed and thought he could be the biggest threat to my existence and when confronted face to face, he was not man enough to stand his ground. A man of god? My moral compass points north while his wife and kids despised him for joining the clergy. Areli was his biggest internal enemy and she herself is a piece of work...*

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**Ruben Torres** - April 12 at 06:20 AM

RF

“ *So sorry for your loss. I know Jesus is holding Gary and at the same time hugging you all during this difficult time.*

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**Rob Frederick** - November 19, 2024 at 01:30 PM