



## Dr. Gary D. Telgenhoff

August 3, 1957 - January 4, 2018

Dr. Gary D. Telgenhoff of Cadillac formerly of Las Vegas, NV passed away Thursday evening January 4, 2018 at the home of his sister. He was 60.

Gary was born on August 3, 1957 in Cadillac to Donald B. & Ella M. (Witherspoon) Telgenhoff.

In 1975 Gary graduated from Cadillac High School and went on to Spring Arbor University. After graduating from Spring Arbor he went to Michigan State University Medical School where he received his Master's in Pathology. Gary worked in several hospitals and clinics before moving to Las Vegas, Nevada where he was a Forensic Pathologist/Deputy Coroner for Clark County for 18 years. His work at the Medical Examiner's office in Clark County led to the opportunity to be a mentor/consultant for the television show C.S.I. Las Vegas for many years. Dr. Telgenhoff was an instructor in the field of forensic pathology and traveled around the country speaking.

One of Gary's passions was music. He played in rock bands for many years and had his own band, "SkinnerRat" and was well known in the Las Vegas area for his musical talents and had produced his own CD's in his recording studio. He also enjoyed hiking and traveling.

Survivors include his mother, Ella Telgenhoff, his sister, Judy Borgstrom &

Fiance Paul Guest all of Cadillac; nieces and nephew: Jennifer (Nate) Sackett, Bradley (Angela) Ward and Heather (Kevin) Girard; great nieces and nephews: Autumn, Adriana, and Aliza Sackett, Leah, Ethan, Aaron and Evan Ward, and Jackson Girard as well as many cousins and special friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Donald "Tug" Telgenhoff in 2016.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services with Pastor Chaplain Steve Boven officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 4-7 PM Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to Munson Hospice. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ I played with Gary in the live version of the Skinner Rat band. I played drums for him when he stepped on stage to play his custom scalpel guitar. We were lucky enough to be joined by Dick Wagner of Alice Cooper. He was a great guy with a totally unique personality. I admired his energy and McGuyver instincts. I am late in learning of his passing, but he is definitely worth a few words to appreciate him. He will be missed. Gary, I hope you are jamming with the greats.



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**Terry Lively** - June 12, 2024 at 08:30 PM

MO

“ I am a retired prosecutor from the Clark County District Attorney's Office. While searching for Skinner Rat material, I stumbled across this notice. I am saddened to find this obituary. I will miss him.

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**Michael Neil O'Gé/GáóCallaghan** - July 13, 2021 at 05:01 PM

KT

“ I remember Gary best for his bands performance of the theme from Hawaii 5-0 at a school assembly. I still have a strong visual of the band stepping out one by one to play the theme.

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**Ken Tiffany** - February 21, 2018 at 02:39 PM

KL

“ Gary and I first met at the Clark County Coroner's office right after he moved to Las Vegas. I was working as a Organ Coordinator for Nevada Donor Network and we immediately bonded and started playing music together. This branched into playing and recording on the first SkinnerRat CD. We then talked about playing out live which we did with his friend Dick Wagner who wrote ' Welcome to my Nightmare' with Alice Cooper. We even played a song from the album on stage. I will never forget that night. Highlight of my life! Another great time was hanging out with Blue Oyster Cult band after a Vegas show and meeting Buck Dharma and Eric Bloom. WOW! Thank you Gary for all the good times, the " couch music sessions' with other musicians and all the great discussions on all sorts of topics. Going to miss those iconic rock concert tee-shirts and business suit ties. What an amazing ride and I will never forget your friendship and kindness. Thank you Judy for sending me the recent SkinnerRat CD. He said he was very proud of it. And now I'm off to listen to the fourth and final SkinnerRat CD. Rest in Peace Dr T. Love you Rock God! You will be missed!

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**Keith and Beth Larson** - January 22, 2018 at 10:39 PM

SW

“Everybody knows how brilliant Gary was. From solving homicides as a coroner out in Las Vegas, to technical adviser on a hit tv show, to touring the country giving speeches on coroner and pathology work, to being a master at music, Gary could and did do it all. But we, the family, remember Gary for the simple things....Christmas Eve at my Moms yearly party, to being the photographer and band at our weddings, to vacation trips in Canada, where Gary would always lead the songs with his guitar around the campfire, so many years ago. He was such a wonderful person, always willing to take the time to lend an ear, and just listen to you. He really was one in a million. He was easily the family favorite and we are all going to miss him...miss him. A lot. Thank you for being part of our lives, Gary. We love you and will miss you.

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**Steve Witherspoon** - January 13, 2018 at 07:27 PM

JK

“So sorry for your loss.I first met a proud Dad,Don in 2007 at my place of work,a doctor's office.He told me about Gary and gave me his business card,which I still have to this day !! A good memory...

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**Jayne Knapp** - January 11, 2018 at 12:53 PM

MH

“My deepest sympathy to the Telgenhoff family and friends may you cherish the time you spent together and keep him close to your hearts. Isaiah 41:10,13; Revelation 21:3,4

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**MHADLEY** - January 11, 2018 at 08:45 AM

BK

“Worked with Gary at the Lucas County Coroners Office. Will be missed

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**Bob Keller** - January 09, 2018 at 10:56 AM

DC

“ Our Las Vegas telgenrat means the world to me and my family .  
SkinnerRat will never die. Dr. T lives on in my heart and dreams.  
Miss you already Doc...

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**Donald Castillo** - January 09, 2018 at 07:28 AM

TC

“ Dr. T. You will be in our hearts forever.  
Love you.

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**Toni Castillo** - January 09, 2018 at 07:24 AM

RG

“ Ella and Judy, So sorry to hear about Gary. Such a great person.  
Prayers and hugs sent to you Ella, Judy and all your family. Ella,  
you were such a good friend of my mom'  
s and hope you know we are all thinking of you at this time. Love  
and prayers. Roxeanne

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**Roxeanne Gustafson** - January 08, 2018 at 03:32 PM

DR

“ I assisted Dr. T in many autopsies while I was working in CSI for the  
Las Vegas Police, before I retired 10 1/2 years ago. He was always  
great to work with and always keep the usually mundane  
atmosphere funny and upbeat when possible. I have many fond  
memories. God bless and may he rest in peace!

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**David Ruffino** - January 08, 2018 at 11:01 AM

JV

“ Gary was the older brother I never wanted!! We were the best of friends, always together when younger as our moms were best friends. We drifted apart in high school, but stayed in touch throughout my military career and his move to Las Vegas. We'd "reclaimed" our friendship over the past few years. He will always remain my brother. Rest in peace Gary Dean!

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**John Vanderhoof** - January 08, 2018 at 10:58 AM

JM

“ My sincerest condolences and deepest sympathies to the family of Gary. It was such an honor and privilege to know and appreciate him while he was in training in our forensics fellowship training program at the Montgomery County Coroners Office, Dayton, Ohio. God bless him and be with him and his family.

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**Jim Davis, MD** - January 08, 2018 at 06:55 AM

LS

“ I'm very sorry to hear about Gary's passing. I have known Gary for years from conferences and via other medicolegal connections. Gary even took wonderful care of my brother when he crossed Gary's table. Gary was a very talented forensic pathologist and I know he served the people of Clark County (Las Vegas) well. Gary is one of those people that will always be remembered and missed.

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**Lou Smit** - January 07, 2018 at 09:34 PM

DC

“ A friend, a colleague and a fellow traveler. I and all the faculty at Colby College will miss him and he will specifically be remembered public ally at the Forensic Course in August.

Dr. Richard T. Callery - January 07, 2018 at 09:33 PM

JL

“ I was shocked to hear about the passing of Gary. I worked with him at the Medical college Of Ohio (UTMC)when he was a Resident in Pathology. He played at one of our Pathology Holiday parties. My wife and I was able to visit him during our time in Las Vegas, and he gave us a tour of the Morgue and Autopsy rooms.He was a good friend, and will be missed. Thoughts are going out to his Family & Friends at this time.

Jim Leonard - January 07, 2018 at 09:29 PM

DA

“ Gary will be missed.I remember Gary from high school and Campus Life. The last time I saw him was our 30 year class reunion.

Donald Anderson - January 07, 2018 at 04:29 PM

DW

“ We are sorry to hear of Gary' s passing. So long as we have memories, he will never be gone.

Deb & Tom Worm - January 07, 2018 at 01:40 PM

DU

“ So sorry to hear this news. I had run across Gary's Facebook page and learned that he had moved back to Cadillac, and I hoped that the next time I came up North to visit from KY. I could get together with him. We went to School together all the way from grade school thru high school, and I'll always remember building spook-houses together in the summers. He will be missed.

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**Dennis Uptegraft** - January 06, 2018 at 09:43 PM

BB

“ I was very surprised and sad to hear of Dr T's passing. It's been many years since we collaborated while I was a homicide detective with LVMPD. We kept each other sane while dealing with tragedy. A true professional and wonderful person who will be missed. RIP!

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**Brent Becker** - January 06, 2018 at 07:46 PM

MW

“ Gary was a friend from school in Cadillac, starting at Lincoln Elementary in our neighborhood and through high school. We only were in touch one time since then but I am heartbroken to learn of his passing. Gary was a person I thought of and spoke of through the years. Even with the distance of time, I will miss my friend very much and remember him drumming in the garage of the family home and all the innocent mischief that went with his creative intelligence. My sympathy and regards to his mom, sister and all his family.

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**Mike Warner** - January 06, 2018 at 07:32 PM

DS

“ *Ella and Judy,  
So very sorry to hear about Gary. Only met him a couple of times  
when we lived across the street in condo complex from Tug and  
Ella. Feel like I knew him as his Dad talked of him often and was  
very proud of him. Thoughts and prayers to all of the family.*

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**Dick and Sue Sokoloski** - January 06, 2018 at 06:25 PM

DB

“ *Right off the "get-go"  
when meeting Gary in the mid '70s, I knew he was special. He certainly was that type person. A  
good friend and I took in his lectures in Petoskey and at Ferris  
which were amazing. He was the perfect combination of wit and  
intelligence. "*  
*The Good Die Young"*  
*, evident with Gary. Condolences to the family. Judy, you are a  
special lady and I Ella is so fortunate to have such a strong  
daughter. RIP, Gary*

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**Daniel Brooks** - January 06, 2018 at 03:41 PM

AD

“ *Thoughts & prayers!*

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**Amy Davidson** - January 06, 2018 at 03:19 PM

TM

“ *Can't help remembering the pride of which Tug spoke of Gary*  
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**Tom & Katie Montague** - January 06, 2018 at 08:30 AM

RS

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Ella ,Judy & family ..Gary was an awesome person..May he rest in peace !!

Rita (Gustafson) Shankel - January 06, 2018 at 06:31 AM

SS

“ I miss you my friend. We had a lot of crazy times great conversations peace brother.

Steve scott - January 06, 2018 at 06:16 AM

AM

“ So very sorry for your families loss,,R.i.p.Gary..we neighbors growing up on Ayers st,,He was a quite kid from what I can remember.

Anita Eaton Mcdaniel - January 05, 2018 at 10:56 PM

PR

“ Gods speed brother

Paul and Susan Riplow - January 05, 2018 at 10:55 PM

BM

“ I'  
m so sad to hear of Gary'  
s death. He was a good friend and will be missed. Y'  
all are in my prayers.

Bobbi (Lamphere) Moomey - January 05, 2018 at 08:49 PM

DR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my friend. Since I am now in Canada, there is no possibility of my making the funeral service. Love & hugs to your family and may Gary never be forgotten!

Don Richard - January 05, 2018 at 07:50 PM

FV

“ So sorry for your loss <3

Fran Dorland VandenBoss - January 05, 2018 at 07:43 PM

TC

“ Gary was a good friend and mentor. He was extremely smart and talented and kind. He encouraged me to follow my dreams and gave me the confidence that I can reach my goals. I will miss him. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Tracy Carrington - January 05, 2018 at 07:39 PM

RV

“ Gary and I were best friends in grade school. Then my family moved away and we lost touch for 45 years or so. I recently had the good fortune to see a post on FB by his sister Judy . I reached out and chatted with her a couple of days I was able to take her and Gary out for lunch. We spent a few hours catching up and taking about old times. I am so sad that we didn't get the chance to meet again we made plans to get together soon unfortunately that won't happen now |óŧ£ŧŧ| |»ŧŧ ŧŧ Thank you Judy for getting us together one last time Gary was a good man and friend. He was my pal when I really needed one. Your dad was a really good man too like father like son. And your mom is a sweetheart too. I am very sad but at least we know he isn't hurting anymore. I am rambling so I'm going to end it here. Judy I hope me and vicky can get together with you and Paul for dinner and conversation sometime soon.

Robb Vincent - January 05, 2018 at 07:24 PM

RS

“ I was RA at Spring Arbor and Gary was one of my crazy freshman. We both were biology majors, Gary was a friend till he moved back to Cadillac, I moved to GR. Passing ships.. God's mercy on all.

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**Rev Eben Smith** - January 05, 2018 at 07:18 PM

JE

“ I am both shocked and saddened when notified of Gary's passing. He grew up around the corner- and I knew his father and family well. A talented and highly respected forensic pathologist and coroner, I idolized him in his occupation that always interested me. Comfort, prayers and peace to the family as they deal with the loss of a very talented person from Cadillac, Mi.

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**JerryLeavell** - January 05, 2018 at 05:41 PM