



## Gary Farr

August 28, 1952 - November 14, 2022

"Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it rest, heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from heaven to the soul." ~ Angela Monet

Musician, composer, and record producer, Gary Farr - who lived by those words - passed away peacefully at his home on November 14, 2022, after a valiant battle with incurable brain cancer. While his death leaves a huge hole in the hearts of his family and friends, they are certain that heaven has only added a wonderful new member to its orchestra.

Gary was born on August 28, 1952, in Miami, Florida, to Elisa and James Farr. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Mira (Duke) Michelotti, and her son, James Duke.

He is survived by his beloved Gloria, his son, Edward Matthew Farr (wife Stephanie,) his brother James Daniel Farr (wife Gayle,) three grandsons, five nieces and a nephew.

Gary's greatest passion and gift was his music. He used his enormous talent to entertain, to ease the suffering of others, and to bring people together.

From the age of three, Gary was still in diapers playing a little spinet, meant

for his sister. Soon, formal lessons began. Sixty-seven years later, he was still performing.

Under the private tutelage of Eugene Bossart (U of Michigan), Gary developed his classical knowledge and technique and completed studies at U of South Florida in music composition and was enlightened to the freedom of jazz.

During and following college, Gary worked as a professional pianist. Driven by love, he built the premier band in South Florida in demand for events from The Forty Niners Super Bowl XXIII party, celebrity weddings, and inaugurations. He created a successful entertainment agency keeping local musicians working, and later, organized 18 world-class musicians, forming Gary Farr and His All Star Big Band, touring in concert, private galas and entertained guests performing at Frank Sinatra's 100th Birthday Bash supper club celebration at The Fontainebleau Hotel.

A successful performer and master of ceremonies, composer, arranger, Gary founded Secret Formula Records and GF Creative Music. In 1999, he recorded and released his first jazz CD that put him on the map as a recording artist. He produced over 20 CDs under the SFR label, most of which were his original compositions but also for other jazz and new age musicians.

Golf was another of Gary's passions and he played well and often over 40 years. He played most of the notable courses in the USA, Canada, Scotland, and Ireland. Gary beamed with pride to share his love of golf with son, Matt and three grandsons, Jensen, Toby, and Milo.

In February of 2021, Gary suffered a seizure, leading to diagnose the aggressive, cruel cancer, Glioblastoma Grade IV, (GBM) Those stricken are warriors with Grace Beyond Measure and Gary was the epitome of this with

his sense of humor, patience, love, and determination to live a quality life. His attitude positively impacted his friends on how to turn defeat and loss into hope and faith.

Being aware of his limited time, Gary prioritized completing his memoir, *The Mustache*, which he began after reuniting with his high school sweetheart, Gloria. And he continued performing, producing, playing golf and spending time with his family. His websites, CDs and memoir all provide more details about his colorful life, his beautiful music, and his indomitable spirit.

With a handsome smile and a warm embrace Gary brightened every place he went. His talents, his generous spirit and his love and kindness constantly brought great joy to his family and friends, as well as to audiences everywhere. Through them (and others to come) his musical spirit will shine on.

Donations in Gary's honor are being accepted by The Musella Foundation, a non-profit organization that has broken records on a path to finding a cure for Glioblastoma, all the while providing grants for treatments, Gary being a thankful recipient of one of them. A donation to continue this worthwhile cause would be greatly appreciated.

[www.virtualtrials.org/farr](http://www.virtualtrials.org/farr)

A celebration of Gary's life will be held after the first of the year, with details to follow.

The family is being assisted by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida.  
(850.610.4444/YoungFulford.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ I found these beautiful photos of Gary Farr in the attic of a home I was renting at 2137 Washington St, Hollywood, FL. I would very much like to get these photos back to the family they belong to. Please contact me at (786) 312-5955 to arrange the safe return of these items. ☐ 🙏 🙏



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**Christina Gimenez** - October 06, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Gary Farr

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October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



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October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM

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“ I first met Gary in 1970 at Miami Senior High.

*He was a great friend and extremely talented musician.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and colleagues.*

*May his memory be eternal!*

*Lisa Hoffman, Los Angeles, CA*

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**Lisa Hoffman** - March 10, 2023 at 09:23 PM

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*Linda and I send our deepest sympathies to Gloria, Matt and all of Gary's loved ones. We will always cherish our memories of all the fun we had over the years even though our bands were "rivals." Travel well, dear friend. Dana Paul*

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**Dana Paul** - March 17, 2023 at 03:08 PM