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Bailey's all grown up – but she and her mom still treasure the loving legacy from the father and husband they lost too soon.

*Image courtesy of
Katrice Battle*



Your special Valentine's story— ten years on, your kindness still wraps Bailey in her dad's love

Bailey was just two years old when her dad, Gary, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Gifts from generous people like you helped create a video of them dancing in front of the castle at Disneyland before he died. Watching it today gives Bailey the strength to face life's challenges.

Bailey is a freshman in high school. Her mom, Jayme, says, "She takes after her dad and is super smart, getting straight A's."

But life has not been easy for Bailey. After losing her beloved father at such a young age, she was diagnosed with autism and Ehler's Danlos Syndrome, a progressive condition that requires her to use a wheelchair half the time.

For Bailey and Jayme, the video you made possible is a touching reminder of Gary's love and a precious record of the time before her diagnosis.

As Jayme says, "We didn't know that over the course of time when we would go back to visit the castle, she would go from dancing in front of it, to walking in pain by it, to having to use a wheelchair to go see it."

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The video is also a source of inspiration. Bailey and Jayme still watch it regularly and turn to it for comfort when they are going through tough times, remembering how Gary faced adversity.

"The video not only reminds me that my dad loved me so much but also that he had the strength to get through his hard journey, so I can now be strong with mine."

—Bailey

"Gary was just a really good person," Jayme says. "If someone had a flat tire, he would stop to change it. If his friend was having a bad day, he would take them golfing so they could talk it out."

Gary put a lot of thought into what he wanted to do in his last year of life, creating the video for Bailey and even signing up to donate his organs, helping more than 25 people after his death. Jayme says, "He died a hero."

Jayme would like to hug everyone who made Gary's Dream possible, saying, "The people Dream Foundation helps can't be measured in numbers. Dreams are measured in moments."

She continues, "Each family they help creates hundreds, if not thousands, of moments. Moments that turn into memories for a lifetime. And even as life moves on to new moments and those turn into memories, the ones the Dream Foundation helps create have a lasting impact."

Watch Gary's beautiful Dream [here](#), as powerful today as it was ten years ago.



"For a few days during the Dream, Gary wasn't cancer. He was just a man who loved his daughter," says Jayme.



Your February Veteran's Dream

U.S. Army veteran Michele's Dream came true – thanks to you!

U.S. Army veteran Michele had just moved into a new home with her husband and their two children and was looking forward to her new life when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Five months later, she was devastated to learn that it was terminal.

Heartbroken, Michele dreamed of being able to take one last Dream vacation with her family, but she needed help. "It is a big Dream," she wrote.

Because of your compassionate support, Dream Foundation was able to help Michele and her beloved family take the vacation of their Dreams in Hawaii.

"Hawaii is the land of beautiful everything," Michele shared. "And for me, it was a second to forget my cancer."

She adds, "Our days and hearts were full for the entirety of our trip. Thank you so very much for your generosity and everything you have done for my family."

Helping veterans with their final Dreams is a wonderful way to thank them for their service.



*"What you have given us is a wonderful, priceless moment." – U.S. Army veteran Michele.
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Welcome to your February Dream Journal!



Kisa Heyer

Welcome to your special Valentine's edition! Everyone at Dream Foundation is sending you all our love and gratitude for your unwavering support.

I am honored to share two powerful Dream stories that show how far your generosity reaches.

Gary's Dream is a beautiful reminder that your gifts last a lifetime. His daughter, Bailey, and wife, Jayme, continue to find strength in the video you made possible.

It is so moving to know that you gave Bailey somewhere to turn whenever this incredible young woman needs to feel his love.

U.S. Army veteran Michele's Dream shows your support for our veterans. You helped Michele and her family experience the beauty of a magical vacation, creating memories they will treasure forever.

Thank you for being our Valentine!

With appreciation, Kisa Heyer, CEO, Dream Foundation

Make a special Valentine's gift of \$25 to help make a Dream like Karen's come true.



Will you help?

Karen wants to thank the friends who have cared for her on her cancer journey.

Karen couldn't have children of her own, so she devoted her life to helping disadvantaged teens get back on track and pursue their dreams as an educational coordinator and tutor.

She was diagnosed with cancer in 2018 and was recently told that it is now terminal.

From her application letter, you can see what a strong 'make lemonade out of lemons' person Karen is. It's a loving tribute to the friends who have stepped up and cared for her every step of her journey—her "very special FAMILY of great, strong, loving women."

Her friends have made sure she has food, gone with her to medical appointments, run her errands and sat with her in quiet companionship when that's what she needed.

Karen wants to make the most of the little time she has left. She dreams of treating her friends to a visit to a nearby spa to "express the overwhelming amount of gratitude I have for these ladies."



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