



## *To My Wife*

**You were a wonderful wife from the beginning to the end. Your love showed me how good life could be. Me leaving you showed how some time life can be cruel. Even though it's not easy to carry on but with fond memories think of me. Trust we will meet again.  
Love, David**



### *Active Pallbearers*

**Tracy Gonerway  
Erral Jones Jr.  
Darrell DeWayne Bradley**      **Theodore Lloyd  
Charles Rodgers  
Aaron Bradley, II**

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

**Aaron Bradley  
Michael Yarbrough**      **Emory Gonerway  
Charles Cooper**  
**Clayland Terrance Williams**

### *Flower Bearers*

**The Ladies of Growing Valley**

### *Acknowledgment*

The family of David Gonerway acknowledges with appreciation the many acts of kindness shown to us during this time of our bereavement. Special thank you to Pastor Kelvin Lynch and the Growing Valley Baptist Church family for the food, phone calls, visits and especially your prayers. Thank you to all those who extended care and compassion to us during this difficult time, especially the Bigham Mortuary and Vince Williams, our dear family friend.

### *Bed of Rest*

**Post Oak Union Cemetery  
Hwy 149 South Longview, Texas**

**Services Fulfilled by:**



*The Professionals of Bigham Mortuary*  
**1007 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | Longview, TX 75602**  
Phone: 903.758-5221 | Fax: 903.753-5296  
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## *Celebrating the Life* *of*



**Sunrise:  
December 26, 1961**

**Sunset:  
May 25, 2025**

## *David Mitchell Gonerway*

### *Homegoing Service*

**Saturday, June 7, 2025 – 11:30 A.M.**  
**Growing Valley Baptist Church**  
209 Harlem Avenue | Longview, Texas 75601  
**Rev. Dr. Kelvin Lynch, Pastor**  
**Aaron Bradley, Master of Ceremony**



## Life and Legacy

David Mitchell Gonerway was born on December 26, 1961, in Longview, Texas to Rosa Marie Gonerway Bradley and Willie B. Bradley, Jr.

David united with the Growing Valley Baptist Church in 2014 and was baptized.

David received his formal education from the Longview Independent School District. He graduated with the Class of 1979. He began working at an early age and ultimately enlisted in the Army.

David was blessed with three children, Nicole Gonerway Kinchen (Staoci), Davette Gonerway (Michael) and Clayland Terrance Williams.

At a special time in his life, he found the love of his life, Evelyn Joyce Cooper. Evelyn and David were married for 24 years until his demise. Evelyn brought five children into the marriage, Michael Yarbrough, Afreda Yarbrough, Tony Hill, Christy Rayson (Robert) and Charles Cooper (Kimberly).

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, David went to rest in the arms of the Lord, surrounded by family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Evelyn Gonerway, his children, his stepchildren, a brother, Aaron Bradley, a sister, Lista Bradley and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and a special friend Lola Lovely Hayes.



## To My Husband

**I will always remember that special smile, that caring heart, that warm embrace you gave me. Through the good times and bad times, no matter what, I will always remember you Mr. Gonerway. There will never be another.**

*Always in Love,  
Evelyn*



## To Our Brother

**Our Mom always kept us close. We loved getting together for some good food, good laughter or playing cards. Thanks, big brother. Words cannot express the love we have for you.**

*Aaron and Lista*



## Order of Services

- Processional.....Ministers, Pallbearers, Family
- Solo .....Brother Donald Hurd
- Scriptures:
  - Old Testament.....Rev. Joe Lovely, Jr.  
Growing Valley Baptist Church
  - New Testament.....Rev. David Williams  
Growing Valley Baptist Church
- Prayer.....Rev. Daniel Norman  
Growing Valley Baptist Church
- Solo.....Bro. Charles Rodgers
- Obituary.....(Read Silently).....Soft Music
- Remarks.....Two Minutes, Please
- Words to my daddy.....Nicole Kinchen
- Poem.....Lista Bradley  
Christy Rayson
- Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....Growing Valley Appointee
- Selections (A&B).....Growing Valley Choir
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor Kelvin Lynch
- Final Glimpse .....Bigham Staff
- Recessional

