



## Vinny Xayasith

May 6, 1980 - October 28, 2021

Vinny Xayasith, age 41, and long-time resident of Rockwall, TX, went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 28, 2021. He was born May 6, 1980, in Ocala, FL, to Souvanh Xayasith and Silay Sihanou. Vinny met his wife, Josie in school and they were married in 2001. He was an underwriter for Cardinal Financial. Vinny was a man of strong faith and he loved to share the gospel. He loved his family and he made many personal sacrifices for them. Vinny enjoyed fishing and hunting with his older boys, Christian and Maddox, riding bikes, and playing video games with his youngest son, Ethan. In his free time, Vinny enjoyed playing guitar. Vinny was a member of Gideons International. His presence will be deeply missed.

Vinny is survived by his loving wife: Josie Xayasith Avila of Rockwall, TX; children: Destiny Taylor and husband Colton of Sachse, TX; Vanessa Kelly and husband Chaytin of Minot, ND, Christian Xayasith, Maddox Xayasith, and Ethan Xayasith of Rockwall, TX; grandchildren: Coach, Arabella, and Sutton Reign; mother: Silay Xayasith; four brothers; four sisters; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father: Souvanh Xayasith.

A gathering of friends and family will take place from 2:00 to 4:00pm on Friday, November 5, 2021, at Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Location.

The service will also be live-streamed; please go to [www.oneroomstreaming.com](http://www.oneroomstreaming.com) and click on the "watch your service" icon and use Event ID: resthavenrockwall and password: PXWP9Y

A memorial service will be held 2:00pm Monday, November 8, 2021, at First Baptist Dallas Church, 1707 San Jacinto St., Dallas, TX 75201.

Donations can be made in Vinny's honor to Gideons International, The Voice of the Martyrs, or Compassion International.

Gideons International

<https://www.gideons.org/donate>

The Voice of the Martyrs

<https://www.persecution.com/donate/>

Compassion International

<https://www.compassion.com/donate.htm>

# Events

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**NOV** **Gathering** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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The Gathering at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

**NOV** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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First Baptist Church of Dallas  
1707 San Jacinto St, Dallas, TX, US, 75201

# Comments

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“ To Vinny's Family,

I didn't know Vinny very, but I wanted you all to know the impact he made on my life. We met through the Gideons. Vinny made a lasting first impression on me with his big smile, his positive attitude, and his obvious love for the Lord. Over the next couple of years, Vinny and I would talk occasionally before or after our meetings. These were always brief encounters, but he always left me with a feeling of encouragement and a sense that he genuinely cared about my life and how I was doing.

The last time we talked was by phone. Vinny called me out of the blue. He had heard that I had been sick, and he wanted to know how I was doing. His voice was weak and I could tell he was struggling to get the breath to talk. It turned out that he was in the hospital and very sick himself. Through all of his pain and suffering, he thought of me and took the time to call. He again offered words of encouragement and his positive attitude was stronger than ever. That was my last encounter with Vinny, this side of Heaven.

Even though I didn't know Vinny very well, I will always consider our friendship a blessing and an honor. I will never forget him and that special phone call. Vinny's passionate love for the Lord touched everyone he encountered and he was a shining example of how each of us should honor our Lord.

God Bless You All,  
A Gideon Brother

**Greg Sanders** - November 04, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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“ It seemed no accident that Vinny got off the 5th floor elevator in the Criswell Center at First Baptist along with an extended family group in about 2010. We met them as class was ending and Vinny led the whole group back the next week. He or I didn't know it at the time, but a ministry was born that day for our class. It was amazing to watch Vinny grow in his faith in Jesus Christ.

It seemed like he had only just begun in his journey here on earth to lead others to follow Christ. Vinny leaves a great legacy of faith in his own family and so many that he touched. There are souls that will be in heaven because of God using Vinny boldly to share his faith. He was a good and faithful servant, a loving father and husband. I'll miss my brother Vinny for now, but will see him again one day soon. I praise God that he is my friend. Love you Brother.

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

"I Am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep." John 10:11

**Kelly Green** - November 03, 2021 at 11:54 PM

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“ Vinny,  
While my husband was sick and in the hospital at the same time as you, I got to know your wife, Josie. Our unfortunate situation caused us to be fast friends. She told me all about you, and what a wonderful man you were. I was really hoping we'd all get to meet one day. That's still true, and I look forward to meeting you in Heaven when God calls me home. Until then... my husband's name is Matt.. he is there with you. He is a great man. I hope the two of you become friends, just like Josie and I did. Y'all save us a seat.

**Amanda** - November 03, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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“ Dad, I loved playing Mario Odyssey with you and riding bikes with you to go get the mail. Love you- Ethan



**ethan xayasith** - November 02, 2021 at 11:01 PM