



Darryl Gidyk

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I must start with Darryl's own words from his Post-Doctoral Thesis, a dedication that he wrote to his daughters, Lily and Daisy. I think that Darryl would have wanted his friends and his family to reflect on these words and forever hold them to heart.

“My beloved daughters,

Let this thesis stand as a permanent reminder that life is effort-based. I hope my struggles and dedication inspire you in times of self-doubt. I want you to know that to achieve rare things in life you must go all-in. Discover yourself. Be who you truly are.

Know your worth. Ask yourself and others the difficult questions. Do not fear failure and constantly re-evaluate. Evolve. Most importantly, be relentless in your most cherished endeavors and have fun. Understand that your achievements come from within and you must never leave your happiness to chance, or the will of another. Do, or do not – there is no try (that's for your Mom). I hope one day you will understand this achievement came from within me, but only because of you. Lily and Daisy, you are my sources of strength. When you need it, I will help you find yours. Never forget that we earned this together. I won't. Thank you.

Love always,
Daddy, Ph.D.”

Dr. Darryl C. Gidyk leaves behind his mother and father, Walt and Marg Gidyk of Edmonton, Alberta, and his brother Allan Gidyk and his wife Suzy Haghighi. Also left to mourn are Darryl's wife Thea and their daughters Lily and Daisy-Valentine.

It comforts me to know that there are so many others out there thinking of and mourning this great man, who was a loving and devoted father, husband, son, brother, and friend. He was brilliant and funny, passionate, and altogether amazing, and probably one of the most tattooed, metal, swearingest Doctors of Neuroscience. Darryl was a good man, a man who even remembered to thank the sacrifice of his Long-Evans hooded rats. “You're my favorite strain. No hippocampus? No big deal”. This was the man that Darryl Gidyk was. He will be dearly missed.

You all helped to write Darryl's story, the thesis of his life and I know that he was forever

grateful to all of you. He is gone but your memories remain. Always.

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Comments



“ Today would be our wedding Anniversary. ❤️



Thea Noone - May 05 at 01:33 PM



“ How Daisy said she got her “good science brain and her cute face” from her dad.



Thea Noone - May 01 at 01:52 PM



“ I remember he would bring up the complexity of Tool with a wonderful passion. Ill never forget how he made me a better scientist by guiding me in how to measure hippocampal volume correctly. Ill never forget when he randomly popped in to bsw on his walk home to express himself and how he loved being a surgeon and a father 🥰

Megan - May 01 at 04:05 AM



“ I'm terribly sorry for your loss. Darryl was an incredible person who was taken too soon. He will be missed.

JC Mageau - April 29 at 10:53 AM



“ Darryl was one of the most loyal people I’ve been blessed to have met. We called each other brother, and we both meant it. I had trouble finding a job, he got me one at the restaurant he ran. He would check in with me once he was closer to finishing school and he’d make sure i was doing ok. I have a very extreme case of ptsd, and he’d remind me that part of why he wanted to be a Dr was to help people close to him that carried this baggage with us. Mr and Mrs Gidyk, I’m so sorry for your loss. He was one of my oldest, closest friends and I’ll miss him, but I am grateful and blessed to have had him in my life.

Clayton Gladu - April 28 at 11:38 PM



“ The very moment before I learned that Dr.Daddy had passed away, Daisy had found these wonderful heart shaped rocks.



Thea Noone - April 28 at 07:09 PM