

THE ESSENTIAL EDGE

NEWS OF THE WORLD LEADER IN ESSENTIAL OILS



FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

This is Gary's final message to you, written more than a month ago.

It seems that the more we grow and the bigger we become, the more other people try to take advantage of what we have. In the past few weeks, I have learned about other people who are giving out my oil recipes, making light of how to blend oils, and thinking they can show you a cheaper way to have the same formula.

Anyone can take the oil ingredients off the label and think they can recreate what is in the bottle, but it is not quite that simple. Obviously, for people to go to all that effort, they must think that what we have is really great; but to do this, they have to be guessing about a lot of things.

Over the years, as I have formulated blends, I have discovered that the order of combining the oils greatly affects the efficacy of the blend. Sometimes, a few of the oils are blended and then put in the cool room for 24 hours to homogenize together. Then that part of the blend is brought to room temperature before I add the rest of the oils to complete the blend. Sometimes individual oils have to be combined in a certain order because of their particular chemical compounds in order to achieve the desired aroma and effect. With some blends, as few as two oils have to be blended before the other oils can be added.

I have not met anyone who goes to this degree of exactness or who has the expertise to create a "perfect" blend for a particular reason. Creating an oil blend is quite an art, which for me has taken a lifetime of experimenting and learning.

So beware when individuals tell you how many drops to combine for any blend; they are not only guessing at the numbers, but they are missing the art of blending, for which they have little or no knowledge.

Your essential friend always,



D. GARY YOUNG: JULY 11, 1949 – MAY 12, 2018

A special edition of The Essential Edge by Mary Young

D. Gary Young, the undisputed leader of the modern-day essential oil movement and the founder of Young Living Essential Oils, passed away on May 12, 2018, in Salt Lake City, Utah, due to complications following a series of strokes.

Just trying to put feelings on paper is a challenge for me at this time, but so many people are feeling the pain of losing Gary that I thought I would try to answer some of your questions and give the best explanation I can with what we have experienced.

Gary was continuing to improve each day from the last strokes he had, and we were all very enthusiastic about his future. He was sitting up by himself and standing up on his own strength. He had gained about 6 pounds and was eating three good meals a day—even asking to eat—so we were thrilled with that.

On Wednesday, May 9, his left leg began to swell, and a hard lump was pushing against the skin. We took him to the hospital immediately and were shocked when the x-ray showed that his leg was broken. We don't know exactly when or how, and he never complained of any unusual pain, which was probably because it was on the left side that was so affected by the stroke, so he couldn't feel as much. He was taken by ambulance to the large trauma hospital in Salt Lake City for evaluation. The orthopedic surgeon was fantastic and was very confident that he could put in a titanium rod.

Thursday afternoon, he had the surgery, which went extremely well, and the surgeon said he could start therapy the next day and stand on it if he felt like it. That was even better news than we expected, so we were making great plans for his recovery. However, his blood pressure was a little low, and his heart rate was a little high; so the doctors decided to take him to the Intensive Care Unit.

I talked with Gary and he was very lucid. He asked for oils, the first being Trauma Life; and then the nurse gave me a half cup of crushed ice, which he quickly chewed up and swallowed. He was doing extremely well, and we were expecting to bring him home on Sunday or Monday. Around 11 p.m., he started gasping for air. The ICU team rushed in and put a tube down his throat and kept him breathing with the breathing machine.

Friday, he was still on the breathing machine but seemed to rally a bit, and we were hoping he would be responsive enough to take him off it.

Saturday morning, he was taken for a CAT scan, which revealed that he had had another big bi-lateral stroke. He had so much brain damage that his body started to shut down. He went into lung failure, kidney failure, and was in septic shock. The doctor said he could recover perhaps from an individual problem; but putting them

all together, recovery would be unlikely or very difficult.

As I watched him and visually continued to communicate with him, I could see him struggling. One time he got so angry with the tube in his mouth that his dangerously low blood pressure went up to 118. We were happy to see that, but I felt he was screaming at me to get that tube out of his mouth. It was like, "Mary, get this out. Get me out of here. Let me go." He didn't want to leave us, but he was trapped, which was contrary to Gary's whole being. I felt his suffering—we all felt his suffering—and I knew I couldn't let it continue.

At the end, Gary was surrounded by those he loved and those who loved him dearly, who he worked with, and who had traveled the world with him. I made the decision to have the tube pulled out and let him breathe on his own. Then it would be his choice; his spirit and body would decide. Surrounding his bed, we held hands and prayed. The spirit was strong, and I could feel such relief from him when they pulled the tube out. I know he could hear us, and he knew that he was surrounded in love; but he had had enough, and he was ready to go—ready to be free of his broken and tortured body.

I put my arms around him, Jacob and Josef each held one hand, and the rest held on to him to be a part of his decision. His breathing became slower and slower until it stopped. He was gone, but he passed away peacefully and was not in pain.

Gary was a driven man, a man on a mission with a vision that had no boundaries. He was always concerned about everyone else and the well-being of his company. He would never rest and went from trauma to trauma never taking time to heal because so many members and others were depending on him, and he wouldn't let them down.

God was his foundation and his word was his bond. To let anyone down was to disappoint God—and he wasn't about to do that. He called the Bible his *Owner's Operator Manual*. He trusted and believed in others until they proved him wrong. He always saw the best in others until their actions said something different.

Gary's personality was bigger than life itself. Wherever he was, his spirit filled the room, the convention hall, even to the boundaries of his farms. He always gave 200 percent, never allowed the word "can't" to be spoken, and was always looking for the solution, the best way to accomplish the goal.

He accomplished more in his life than 100 men combined. He founded the essential oil movement against tremendous opposition and slander, but he never stopped in his desire to serve God's children. He touched millions of lives for good. His work was brilliant

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D. GARY YOUNG AWARDED FOR LEADERSHIP

Young Living receives four national and local prestigious awards



Learn more about Young Living's recent local and national accomplishments.

It's no secret that Gary Young shaped Young Living to become the industry leader in essential oils, and recently, we've received four prestigious awards recognizing that leadership. We can't be successful without our passionate members, so we're sharing these accomplishments with you!

BRAVO Legacy Award

On May 3, D. Gary Young, Young Living Founder, received Direct Selling News' BRAVO Legacy award, recognizing the contributions of an individual in the direct selling community that will be felt for generations to come. *Direct Selling News*, the organization's magazine, called it "fitting that the first Legacy award honor Young for leading the way in the essential oils space, as well as for his empowerment of those in his company to pursue a passion for health and well-being."

Silver Stevie® American Business Award

The 16th Annual American Business Awards®

recognized President and COO Jared Turner with its annual Executive of the Year – Consumer Products – Non-Durables award. Winners were chosen based on executives' achievements in growing companies, inspiring employees, and driving their industry forward.

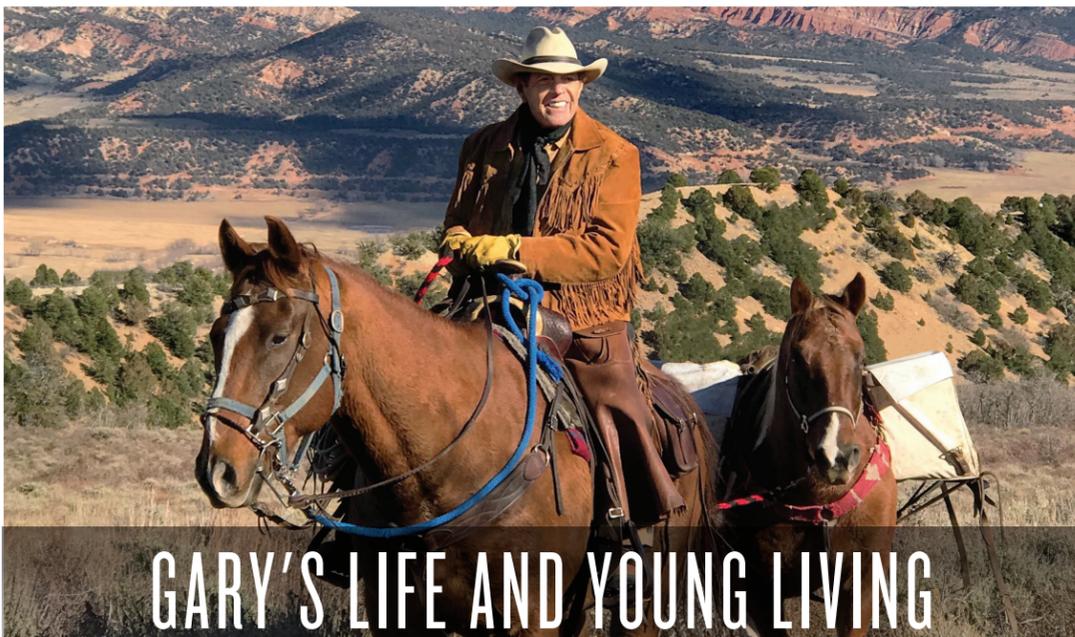
Utah Valley Magazine's 2018 Best of

With over 20,000 nominations among 315 businesses, Young Living won Best Company to Work For in *Utah Valley* magazine's 2018 Best Of awards.

Daily Herald's Best of Utah County 2018

With more than 3,000 voters and only write-in votes, Young Living won Best Essential Oils in the *Daily Herald's* Best of Utah County 2018 awards.

We're grateful for this enthusiastic recognition, and we look forward to honoring Gary's memory by reaching new heights as we continue to share our pure, authentic products with more families than ever.



GARY'S LIFE AND YOUNG LIVING

To explain Gary's accomplishments seems vast. He spent 35 years studying the benefits and perfecting the extraction of essential oils, while building a \$1 billion global business designed to share what he deemed "the gift" of essential oils with millions of people.

Described as a modern pioneer, Gary was part inventor and part historian. He was determined to discover the ancient practices and benefits of herbs, plants, and trees that had been lost to the modern world. His research took him to the remote corners of the earth, and often back in time, to learn about the power that Mother Nature offered.

Gary was born July 11, 1949, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and grew up in the mountains of Challis, Idaho, with his parents and five siblings living in a 30 x 30-foot cabin without running water or electricity. Upon graduating from Challis

High School, he struck out to follow his lifelong dream of building a ranch on the Canadian frontier. In 1967 he loaded his belongings into a truck and moved to British Columbia, and in 1968 he was granted 320 acres in the Caribou District, part of the last homestead act, where he began logging.

After five years of logging and ranching, Gary suffered debilitating injuries in a serious logging accident and was confined to a wheelchair with no expectation of walking again, which caused him to endure years of pain and depression. Channeling the cowboy spirit of "not backing down," he began to explore different avenues to natural healing, which included the benefits of herbs and good nutrition. It was on this path where Gary was introduced to essential oils.

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D. GARY YOUNG

beyond his time, which is still being proven by modern science.

All of us at Young Living are heartbroken at the loss of our founder and great leader and take solace in remembering how special he was to bring all of us together on this amazing journey of wellness. Surely, history will see him as an iconic pioneer and educator for essential oils and their benefits to all people.

Gary had a knowing, a destiny, that has given so much to our world. He will be a great loss to the world, to those who knew and loved him, to our two sons Jacob and Josef, and to me. I will feel a void for the rest of my life, but I know that Gary will be smiling down on us as we try to figure out the things that he already knows.

GARY'S PHILANTHROPY BY THE NUMBERS

A summary of D. Gary Young's invaluable contributions to the global community



Gary not only created the D. Gary Young, Young Living Foundation, but he also befriended those he served along the way.

One of Gary's proudest achievements was establishing the D. Gary Young, Young Living Foundation. Here's what Gary and the Foundation have accomplished since Gary started it:

- 9 years since launching the D. Gary Young, Young Living Foundation
- 6 international philanthropy initiatives and partnerships
- 2 schools in the Copper Canyon of Durango, Mexico, for the Tarahumara people were opened by Gary personally
- 2 Young Living Academies in Ecuador and Nepal
- 4,000+ mosquito nets distributed through Foundation partner Healing Faith Uganda
- 2 clinics in Jinja, Uganda, that treat 400 people a week through Foundation partner Sole Hope
- 200 children served by Foundation partner African Hearts. The D. Gary Young, Young Living Foundation donated significant time and funds to support this rescue program, which also helps to feed hundreds of homeless people in Uganda every week and to rescue boys from the slums
- 90% of sex trafficking victims who go through Foundation partner Hope for Justice's restorative programs in Cambodia never return to that environment
- 112 homes and 2 schools rebuilt in Yarsa, Nepal, following major earthquakes
- 3,500 care kits delivered by the Foundation
- \$250,000+ raised for people affected by natural disasters
- \$6 million in aid provided through the Foundation

We ask that in lieu of flowers or gifts, donations be made in Gary's honor to the D. Gary Young, Young Living Foundation to continue his life's work of helping the global community.

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GARY'S LIFE AND YOUNG LIVING (CONTINUED)

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By 1983 Gary had moved to Southern California, enrolled at a naturopathic college, opened a small office in Chula Vista, and built a research center in Rosarito Beach, Baja California, Mexico. Thirteen years after his accident, he still suffered constant pain, even as he walked.

His first true introduction to essential oils came when he attended a medical conference in Geneva, Switzerland, where medical doctors were presenting their research on essential oils. He was enthralled with what he learned and returned to the U.S. with 13 different essential oils to begin his own research.

He found the benefits to be astounding and concluded that this was a path he wanted to pursue. His determination to achieve physical and emotional well-being, combined with his lifelong love of nature, drove him to learn everything about essential oils—from how they were produced to their wellness benefits.

Having grown up farming, it was natural for him to want to learn about growing the plants and producing the oils, which took him to France to study and learn the art of distillation under Mr. Henri Viaud, the French "father of distillation" in Provence, France, the lavender capital of the world, and Marcel Espieu, the president of the Lavender Growers Association in France for over 20 years.

In 1988 Gary sold his research center in Baja California and moved to Reno, Nevada, where he began his essential oil business. A year later he moved his business to Spokane, Washington, and began building a marketing company to expand his teachings about essential oils and their benefits to as many people as possible. That was the origin of the present-day Young Living Essential Oils company.



A rancher at heart, he purchased his first farm of 160 acres in May 1992 in the mountains of St. Maries, Idaho. On this farm the first lavender, clary sage, thyme, and peppermint were planted; and it became a testing facility for new distillation practices.

In 1993 Gary's company in Riverton, Utah, became Young Living Essential Oils; and in 1994 it was incorporated. He then bought another 160 acres in Mona, Utah, in 1995 and started a new farm.

Gary began looking internationally to discover new plants that could be distilled and brought to Young Living. His path took a unique turn when he was invited to develop a natural medicine program and farming project for Asuay University in Cuenca, Ecuador. However, the climate in Cuenca has only a three-month growing season, making it not too conducive for farming; so Gary went exploring in Guayaquil, a very busy city on the coast. He found the climate perfect; and with a vast ecosystem of unidentified plants and trees, the opportunity was irresistible.

Young Living became global when it expanded to Ecuador in 2006, starting with 2,300 acres of raw, unusable jungle land to begin farming. Gary also found an opportunity to help the children in the rural

community of Chongon on the edge of the jungle and founded the Young Living Academy. It was completed in March 2008; and to date, 350 students have attended, with 100 percent of the students from the first graduating class celebrating their commencement in March 2016.



In 2009, on a mission to document the different frankincense and myrrh species still growing in Yemen, Gary traveled to Yemen's "Forbidden Zone" to visit Shabwa, Queen Sheba's capital city, and to see the remains of the ancient civilization that was once the center of caravan trading, which included the precious frankincense and myrrh resins. Gary's exciting, historical novel, *The One Gift*, that depicts life on the ancient Middle Eastern camel caravans, is based on his discoveries and experiences while documenting the frankincense trail. *The One Gift* was just one of several books Gary authored and published.

He traveled to Oman to continue his research; and while walking through the markets, he saw thousands of bags of frankincense resin being sold in the shops. This inspired Gary and gave him the desire to build a distillery in Salalah, the center of frankincense history; and in January 2010, Young Living opened the first large commercial distillery for the extraction of Sacred Frankincense (*Boswellia sacra*) essential oil.

Gary was passionate about providing only the highest quality oils, sourced from Young Living and partner farms and suppliers who met our standards, which was the beginning of Young Living's proprietary Seed to Seal® program. We ensure genuine, pure essential oils with verified testing and careful monitoring of proper genus, species, and chemotypes (Seed), through harvesting and distillation to the final bottling (Seal), which shows Young Living's commitment to quality. What other company invests in two costly isotope ratio mass spectrometry (IRMS) instruments to ensure purity?

Gary was a modern thinker, which led him into the world of technology. In 2014 the Young Living Highland Flats distillery became the first automated, large-capacity, computerized distilling facility ever built in the world for essential oils.

Young Living is well-known for its beautiful fields of lavender, but Gary knew that we would continually need more lavender; so with the help of Jean-Noël Landel, his friend and lavender growing partner of 20 years; Benoît Cassan, the president of the French Lavender Growers Association; and Jean-Marie Blanc, the farm manager who oversees Young Living's planting, cultivating, harvesting, and distilling in France, they merged their farms in the Simiane Valley of southern France to create the Young Living Simiane-la-Rotonde Farm, one of the largest true lavender farms in the world.

In the early days when Gary was studying in France, he gathered seeds from the true lavender plants (*Lavandula angustifolia*), brought them home, and planted them on his first farm in Idaho. About 20 years

later, the French farmers began struggling to preserve their crops against droughts, viruses, and fungus. At this critical time, Gary brought seeds back to France from the true lavender he had propagated in Idaho many years earlier. These seeds have grown into the only thriving lavender in Provence, France.

Young Living's operations currently have a daily capacity of producing more than 475,000 bottles of oil.

The company, while based in the United States, has international offices in Canada, Australia, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, the United Kingdom, Ecuador, Mexico, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Taiwan. Young Living has 17 corporate and partner farms, more than 3,000 employees, and 4.5 million members. Young Living Essential Oils will continue to grow and share Gary's vision around the world.

As Gary traveled the world, he saw people in need everywhere and wanted to help, which brought about the incorporation of his Foundation, which is constantly growing and helping thousands.

Gary's research has led him to the far corners of the earth, making amazing discoveries of historical magnitude that have advanced the knowledge of essential oils and nutrition for the well-being of mankind. But perhaps the most important role essential oils played in his life was bringing the two of us together in our marriage of 25 years. We met at an expo in the Salt Palace in the center of Salt Lake City and were married in 1994. We are blessed with two sons, Jacob and Josef.

Now, as the CEO of Young Living Essential Oils, the company that Gary and I founded together, my quest is to continue carrying Gary's vision to the world. I feel blessed to have worked in the direct sales industry as a distributor for 10 years prior to Young Living, which gives me a terrific advantage in understanding our business from the member viewpoint. It's a delicate balance with corporate and the field, and I absolutely love it.

I believe Gary and I were the perfect match, with Gary, the visionary, and me, the realist; and with Jared Turner, president and COO, our wonderful executive team, dedicated employees, and our millions of members, together, we will carry Gary's torch forever forward, bringing our message to those waiting for a new message of wellness and abundance. Gary had the utmost confidence in Jared and the executive team and was at peace knowing the company is well-positioned to follow the path he envisioned 24 years ago when we started Young Living.



Jacob, Josef, and I thank you for your loving words and prayers. It is a very difficult time for us, and being surrounded by so much love creates a peaceful, healing environment.

We invite members and friends to share their memories of Gary on our memorial page at DGaryYoung.com, where you can view a tribute to him, including a video, photos, and a timeline of his life.