



Gary Bothwell

October 3, 1931 - May 1, 2020

Gary Mitchell Bothwell, 88, Topeka, Kansas, died peacefully on May 1, 2020.

Gary was born on October 3, 1931, in Marysville, Kansas. He was the youngest child and only son of James and Gladys Mitchell Bothwell. He was nicknamed “Angel” by his two, doting older sisters. He grew up in Marysville during the Great Depression.

He went to work for the Union Pacific at a young age and eventually began a long career with the Kansas Grain Inspection Department. Gary was employed by the Kansas Grain Inspection Department for 36 years including 14 years as assistant director. In 1993, Governor Graves asked Gary to lead the Department during privatization. He served as president of the newly formed Kansas Grain Inspection Service until 2000 when he retired.

While working in Belleville, Kansas, he met and married Beverly Jean Post Simpson in 1960. Together, the two widowers combined their families and raised four children. They have resided in Topeka, Kansas since 1964 where their home has always been the place to be for family and friends and making memories to last a lifetime.

Gary was in the Kansas Army National Guard for twelve years and was called up for active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. He was stationed at Fort Riley.

Gary was a people person. He loved his family and friends and would do anything for them. He will be remembered for his kindness and loving ways. Gary enjoyed visiting, fishing, hunting, golf, farming and all things to do with wildlife. He traveled throughout the United States and had many memorable trips including fishing in Alaska, shed hunting in Utah, spending time in Smith County and, more recently, a North Central Kansas Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Beverly Bothwell; his children, Bob Simpson (Sandy), Greg Bothwell (Karen) and Tammy Dishman (Jeff); grandsons, Gray Bothwell (Kristin) and Caleb Dishman (Linda); great-grandsons, Liam Bothwell and Jace

Dishman; sister-in-law, Helen Fielder; and many treasured nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Simpson, and sisters, Genevieve Fincham and Bonnie Mayhew.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial service will be held at a later date and announced at that time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Kansas Honor Flight, a 501(c)(3) organization. Checks can be mailed to Kansas Honor Flight, PO Box 2371, Hutchinson, KS 67504.

Comments



“ Tammy and the Bothwell family,
I am sorry to hear of your father's passing Tammy. He must have been quite a guy to have raised someone as kind and gracious as you Tammy. I remember popping over to the house on Bowman Court a few times 40 or 50 years ago. Your mother and father were very welcoming. Peace and comfort and grace to you and your family.
Ted Young

Ted Young - August 08, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Bev and family,
Sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Renee and I have fond memories playing cards with you guys. Fun times. He will be missed by many.

Jon and Renee Wohler, Honolulu, HI

Jon Wohler - June 11, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ With a twinkle in his eye and a kind word, Gary was that face in the crowd I would look for during many a political event. He was a good man who loved his family and life. I will miss him.

Annette Thornburgh - May 18, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ So sorry to read of Gary's passing. Always enjoyed visiting with him.
Ron Redmond

Ronald Redmond - May 13, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ I worked with Gary at Grain Inspection from 89-93. He was an awesome guy to work for.
Rest In Peace Gary.

susan - May 12, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ Bev and family. We are saddened to hear of Gary's passing. We have many fond memories of time spent together in Smith Center. Please accept our sympathy.

Bill and Vicki Lesser - May 10, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ Greg & Tammy - So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your families. Larry & Melissa Rogers

Melissa Rogers - May 08, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of Gary's passing. He was such a nice man and raised a beautiful family for which I was able to know as my friendly neighbors growing up. I will never forget how he let my siblings and I jump on the trampoline- what a treat that was for us. My thoughts are with the entire family at this sorrowful time.

Kristi Fansler Hawkins - May 07, 2020 at 08:16 PM



“ Even though I only worked for Gary from June 1988-March 1989 (my name was Davis at the time) I have many fond memories of him. He loved his family. He adored his grandson Gray. We discovered we had a "Marysville connection." He told me how he and Bev decided to name their daughter Tammy. We shared a lot of laughs. RIP my dear friend. Thinking and praying for his family.

Lori Montgomery, Lawrence, KS

Lori Montgomery - May 07, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ To all the Bothwell family, I was saddened to read this morning that Gary had died. May you find comfort in the memories of your lives together. Garage sales are always fun on the corner and I have a couple of your treasures that you all no longer needed. Please know that I am praying for God's love and blessings at this time of sadness.

Sarah and Mike Schoeberl

SARAH Schoeberl - May 07, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Greg and other family members and friends of Gary: I was saddened to learn of Gary's passing. He was a nice, friendly and gracious man. I recall sharing a cold beer or two with him and passing the time of day. My wife always commented about his beautiful eyes. I hope that fond memories will bring you peace. RIP.

Warren "Cricket" Hummer
Grapevine, TX

Warren Hummer - May 07, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Tammy I am so sorry to hear about your dad passing. I loved when he and your mom would come visit us at the Secretary of State's office. He's a very kind and loving man, he will be missed by many. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Keating - May 07, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ It was my honor and pleasure to have been invited to serve on the Board of the KS Grain Inspection Service under Gary's leadership. His sense of humor and in-depth knowledge of the business were inspiring. My warmest sympathy to Bev, Tammy and all the family. His was an oversized personality and he will be missed.

Harold Stones

harold stones - May 07, 2020 at 11:58 AM



“ Bev and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. I enjoyed visiting with Gary at the bank. The Bothwell family was always special to me. I will miss him.
Barb Montgomery

Barb Montgomery - May 07, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Tammy I was sorry to read of your Dad passing. He was a long time customer at Rex's Tire and came in often to visit with Rex. I did not know he was your father at that time. Please take care- Jerry Schnee.

Jerry Schnee - May 07, 2020 at 08:23 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gary Bothwell.



May 05, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Bothwell.



May 04, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Tammy, I'm sorry for your loss. Please know that Nickolas and I will keep you tucked in our prayers. Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker

Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker - May 04, 2020 at 11:06 AM