



Gareth "Gary" Saville

September 18, 1942 - March 14, 2024

Gareth "Gary" Lamont Saville, 81, of Topeka, KS, passed away at home on Thursday, March 14, 2024. He was born on September 18, 1942, in Marysville, Kansas to Thomas Saville and Beatrice (Livingston) Saville, the third of four children. He graduated from Marysville High School in 1960 and attended Emporia State University for one year.

On August 8, 1964, Gary married Pat Kramer at St. Gregory Catholic Church in Marysville. They then made their home in Topeka. They were blessed with two daughters, Kelley LaRae and Nicole Christine.

Gary enlisted in the Kansas National Guard in 1963. He was called to active duty in 1969 and served in the US Army as a Staff Sergeant in Vietnam. He received the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal, and National Defense and Campaign Medals. After his military service, Gary joined the American Legion. In 2019, he fulfilled his wish to go on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. to celebrate his service to his country, accompanied by his son-in-law, Rick.

He graduated from Washburn University in 1973 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a minor in Psychology. He was a member of the business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi. His work experience began at General Electric Supply, then Santa Fe Railroad, Kencraft, and Hazlett Oil. He retired after 13

years as Comptroller for the Kansas Lottery. He was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church for over 30 years, and after moving, attended Christ the King Catholic Church.

As a child, Gary was in Boys Scouts, loved football, acted in high school plays, was a class officer, and on the golf team. He was an excellent dancer and, while dating, taught Pat how to Jitterbug. They usually danced every dance and were among the very best! For the rest of their dancing days, it was serious business.

Gary loved his family first. He was his sister's protector and best friends with his brother and brother-in-law. He loved hunting with his dad, playing many rounds of golf with the men in his family, fishing with his grandson, making pancakes for his granddaughters, and being with his friends. He taught his daughters to play sports, to ride a bike, drive a car, and attended their many games, piano and dance recitals, choir concerts and cheerleading at games. He did the same for his six grandkids – they were the joy of his life.

He enjoyed road trips with his siblings and their families to Colorado and Yellowstone. While driving, they communicated by CB radio and his handle was Straight Arrow, which described him to a tee. Gary was a man of great integrity, manners, was respectful, and very methodical in his actions. He was a great speller, had a beautiful singing voice, and his wit was one of a kind. All who knew him say he was “one of the good guys.” He was loved by so many and will be deeply missed by family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Beatrice Saville and his brother Darrell Saville.

Gary is survived by his wife Pat of almost 60 years, daughters Kelley Smith (Rick) of Manhattan, and Nicole Oliver (Joel) of Topeka, along with

grandchildren Carly, Kendall and Mallory Smith, and Morgan, Ainslee and Jonah Oliver. He is also survived by his brother Errol Saville (Mary) of Topeka and his sister Gail Lange (Denny) from Mequon, Wisconsin, brothers and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to Kansas Honor Flight, P.O. Box 2371, Hutchinson, Kansas 67504 or sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St
Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Mass of Christian Burial

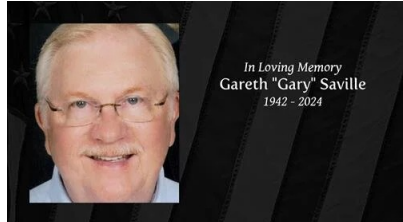
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gareth "Gary" Saville



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 21, 2024 at 11:01 AM

NM

I was so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I recall him as an MHS student and being proud bulldogs! I was in the 1959 class.
Nila Frerking Miller

Nila Frerking Miller - March 22, 2024 at 01:46 PM

MW

A very beautiful tribute to your Dad.. made me cry to be quite honest. You all have a beautiful family, and I was emotional to see you all over the years!! Much love, Michael Weishaar

Michael Weishaar - March 23, 2024 at 12:51 AM

AH

Nicole and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I spent many of nights at your house through our high school years. Your family was always warm and welcoming. What a beautiful tribute to your Dad! You and your are in my thoughts and prayers. Amber Harrington

Amber Harrington - March 23, 2024 at 09:16 AM

MC

“ Pat:
I am so sorry for your loss. You and family have my sincere sympathy.
Margaret Corwin

margaret corwin - March 23, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gareth "Gary" Saville.*



March 22, 2024 at 07:07 PM

BA

“ *Pat, I am so sorry to hear about Gary's death. I will be remembering Gary and your family in my prayers.*

Bobbie Cohorst Anthony - March 22, 2024 at 01:12 PM

CK

“ *So sorry for your loss Pat, our thoughts and prayers are with you, Carol and Jody.*

Carol Kirkwood - March 21, 2024 at 03:25 PM

AH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Pat and your family. Anthony Hensley*

Anthony Hensley - March 21, 2024 at 02:30 PM

EG

“ Errol, Mary, Denny and Gail purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gareth "Gary" Saville.



Errol, Mary, Denny and Gail - March 21, 2024 at 02:19 PM

TF

“ The Smith Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gareth "Gary" Saville.



The Smith Family - March 21, 2024 at 01:59 PM

TF

“ From: The Smith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gareth "Gary" Saville.

The Smith Family - March 21, 2024 at 01:59 PM

DS

“ 11 files added to the album Photos of Gary - Smith Family



Dick Smiyh - March 21, 2024 at 01:47 PM

GH

“ I worked at the Kansas Lottery at the same time Gary was there. He was a super nice person who was always willing to help me put together my yearly budget. He treated everyone with kindness and a smile. I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

Gary Herman, retired Director of Security

Gary Herman - March 21, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Gareth "Gary" Saville.



March 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

MT

“ *Pat and Family: We was saddened to hear of Gary's recent passing and we are sorry for your loss.*

Gary served as our Director of Finance here at the Kansas Lottery for many years. Gary always had a smile on his face, helped with many opportunities, and appreciated his Lottery finance team. ...and Gary loved his KSU Wildcats too!

Many years ago he had me come over to the house to help him remove an old stereo console you had purchased after your terrible loss in the 1966 Topeka tornado. He said you all wanted to get rid of it, but instead of trashing it, we just relocated it. It's still in our basement and my three kids, as well as myself, have enjoyed many, many hours of listening to old 45 & 33 vinyl records. We'll spin a few Gospel tunes for Gary!

May your faith in God give you and your family strength for healing and peace in this time of grief and loss. Mike & Shelly Todd - Lawrence

Mike Todd - March 20, 2024 at 09:10 PM

JP

“ *Dear Pat, I have thought of you often through the years. I'm sorry we lost touch. I was so sorry to read of the passing of your husband. My sincere sympathy. May God give you comfort at this difficult time. Judi Allen Prestridge*

Judi Allen Prestridge - March 20, 2024 at 08:45 PM

RG

“ Pat: We were shocked to hear the news of Gary's passing and convey to you our heartfelt and deepest condolences. It was such a privilege to have been able to escort Gary on the Kansas Honor Flight out of the Marysville area, a true tribute of his willingness to represent his country in the Armed Forces. We always thought the world of the two of you from many years gone by. With fond memories, Ron and Fran Grauer

Ron Grauer - March 20, 2024 at 04:05 PM

TG

“ Tom and Mary Gracey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gareth "Gary" Saville.



Tom and Mary Gracey - March 20, 2024 at 03:12 PM

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“ Tom and Mary Gracey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gareth Lamont Saville.

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