



Gary D. Adkins

August 13, 1944 - November 2, 2017

Gary Duwayne Adkins, 73, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, November 2, 2017, at Integris Baptist Medical Center, in Oklahoma City OK.

Gary was born August 13, 1944, to William A. and Edith T. Hinkle Adkins in Topeka. He graduated from Topeka High School in the class of 1962 and recently attended his 55th Reunion. He graduated from Washburn University in 1973. Gary married Mary Carole Monk Ramsey on January 9, 1982.

Gary worked for 39 years at the State of Kansas Department of Human Resources retiring in 2002. He was President of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security. Gary was a member of many organizations: Washburn Alumni, Score, Auburn Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Miata Club and Kansas Explorers. He converted to the Catholic faith on Easter of 2014 and was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Gary loved to play cards of every kind, was a so-so golfer, loved to travel, enjoyed camping and fishing trips and liked to cook.

Gary encouraged everyone to become an organ donor.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; brother, William A. Adkins Jr; plus many nieces, nephew's great-nieces, great-nephews and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Donald Adkins and Beverly Adams.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus at 6:45 p.m.

Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 9, 2017, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th , Topeka KS 66604.

Memorial contributions may be made to Washburn University, Auburn Lions Club or Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

Wichita, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
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Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary D. Adkins*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 08, 2017 at 11:10 AM



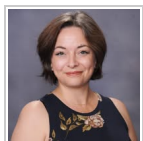
“ *Gary D. Adkins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sorry I was not able to attend Gary services for I am recovering from surgery. Ann Strecker*

Ann strecker - November 25, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *I work at the Plaza Hotel at INTEGRIS and we just loved Gary. He was a frequent visitor and Lottie and I (Elizabeth) send our deepest condolences to the family. He will be missed.*

Elizabeth Jacoby - November 21, 2017 at 01:51 PM

DS

“ Gary was a passionate supporter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, and his commitment to legislative and educational activities within the Association will long be remembered by his friends and supporters. As a Past President, Gary provided needed counsel to many Presidents who succeeded him; and his advice was always honest and objective. Mary--our paths have not crossed recently but please know we hope you find the love and comfort to get you through Gary's passing.
Diana Nicklas Staley

Diana Staley - November 12, 2017 at 02:14 PM

BW

“ So sorry Mary for your loss. My dad just told me. He will be missed, I always loved how he treated me like an adult even as I was just a kid sometimes. And I'll never forget him telling me if I ever needed anything, to just call him. Love to you and all your family. Like he was to me.

Bradley Warren - November 11, 2017 at 10:37 PM

HK

“ So sorry for your loss, Mary. We know Ann and Terry loved Gary, and am sure we'll be seeing more of you through them.
Helen and Larry Kline

Helen Kline - November 09, 2017 at 09:15 AM

AF

“ Mary, you two will always be the King and Queen of the Auburn Fair! I am so very sorry and heard about this at church so know he is up in heaven. Adele Fugate

Adele Fugate - November 08, 2017 at 08:07 PM

MR

“ Gary was among the best that ever lived! I'm so glad that I was able to call him friend and fellow Lion. I will cherish all the memories.

*Michele Reese
Auburn Lions Club*



Michele Reese - November 08, 2017 at 09:29 AM

SP

“ Mary,
Gary and I met 50 years ago. It was a pitch game in the WU Union . . . where else. We did not share classes, but we shared each other's company with mutual friends almost daily. Over the years Gary and I would bump into each other on the street or elsewhere. Each time, we picked up where we left off, just like it was yesterday. He will be missed by all. My condolences.

Steve Paige

Steve Paige - November 08, 2017 at 09:18 AM

DC

“ Mary and family,
we've lost a good one! You two fought the fight so courageously.

So sorry——Donna & John Campbell

Donna Campbell - November 07, 2017 at 11:41 AM

MF

“ *Most Pure Heart of Mary Woman's Fellowship purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Gary D. Adkins.*



Most Pure Heart of Mary Woman's Fellowship - November 06, 2017 at 12:15 PM

MS

“ *Mary:
Our deepest condolences to you. We will keep you in our thoughts. Kris and I have many memories, and it is hoped we all can hold those great thoughts as a memorial to a fine man. Right now, I am thinking of a warm July 4 atop the hill in west Topeka watching an amazing display of fireworks, sharing stories, laughing and enjoying ourselves. Please take care, -Kris and Mike*

Mike Stone - November 06, 2017 at 09:56 AM

MB

*Mary
Sincere condolences.
Gary was very special and a mentor to me. So many memories of accomplishments and fun times with IAWP.*

Maryann Baykal - November 06, 2017 at 09:07 PM

GN

I did not know Gary, but am still keeping my membership up even though the Nebraska Chapter is inactive. I am a Nebraska Department Of Labor retiree with over 30 years service. After all, we were on the same team. I know he will be missed by all his friends and relatives. Garold W. Newton And Theresa L. Newton. All his family and friends have our sympathy.

Garold W. Newton And Theresa L. Newton - November 06, 2017 at 09:50 PM

SH

“ Mary - I'm so very sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I have fond memories of the two of you traveling on many Washburn Alumni Association trips, attending After Hours, tailgate parties and other Washburn events and activities. Gary was a delight to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Rest assured all your Washburn friends are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Susie Hoffmann - November 06, 2017 at 09:52 AM



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



November 05, 2017 at 10:27 PM

LL

“ Mary - Ken and I appreciated all that Gary did for the State and District Lions. We always enjoyed seeing Gary and you at conventions and Lions events. He was especially proud of his LCIF monetary collections, which were outstanding. As a Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, he was extremely helpful. Please accept our condolences at this sad time. Linda and Ken Leander

Linda Leander - November 05, 2017 at 09:45 PM

JT

“ Prayers and sympathy to Gary's family. Many years ago I worked for the state of Kansas also and met Gary at a convention. I remember him being friendly and outgoing. He had many friends and I am sure he will be greatly missed.

Julie Thompson - November 05, 2017 at 08:09 PM

CM

“*Mary-Our deepest sympathy to you during this sad time. Sending love and peace to you. May you find comfort in knowing that Gary is now resting in the arms of our Heavenly Father. God Bless You.*

Jake and Carole Mertz

Carole and Jake Mertz - November 05, 2017 at 08:06 PM

JC

“*We will all miss Gary! He was a man always thinking of ways to help and shied away from helping out! Our deepest condolences to the family, you are all in thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

John Cahill - November 05, 2017 at 02:43 PM



“*I was sorry to hear of the passing of Gary Atkins. The Greeks felt that the greatest attribute of a person was their demonstrated passion for an idea, principle or cause. Gary had that kind of passion about every endeavor that he undertook. His dedication to governmental service touched the lives of a multitude of Kansas citizens and provided them with a better quality of life. May his wife and family be consoled by the knowledge that his efforts were appreciated and impacted others in a positive manner.*

Pat Pritchard....coworker and friend

Patrick Pritchard - November 05, 2017 at 01:55 PM

RN

Prayers for you - Mary and the others of Gary's family. May you find joy in the fond memories you have when you meet with others and share in Gary's legacy.

Ruth Norris - November 06, 2017 at 07:43 AM

TE

“ Carolyn and I are deeply saddened to learn that our friend Gary has died. We greatly enjoyed the trips we took and the time we spent sharing a meal, a bottle of wine and some good conversation. Gary and Mary will be in our thoughts and prayers. Godspeed dear friend.

Tim & Carolyn Edwards - November 05, 2017 at 07:26 AM

LI

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed lots of meetings and IAWP conventions with Gary and Kansas members. I pray for your peace and comfort through this very difficult time.

*Lavera (Baldwin) Wood
Spring Hill, KS*

Lisa - November 05, 2017 at 12:22 AM

JS

“ So sorry to learn about Gary. Those of us who worked in IT for the Employment Security Agencies enjoyed our trips to Topeka to learn from Gary and his co-workers. I was glad that I was able to chat with him several years ago at the last International that he visited. I know that he will be missed.

Jenny Scalpelli - November 04, 2017 at 06:44 PM