



Gregory "Greg" Bothwell

December 18, 1955 - July 17, 2024

Gregory "Greg" Mitchell Bothwell, 68, Topeka, Kansas, died unexpectedly but peacefully on July 17, 2024.

Greg was born on December 18, 1955, in Marysville, Kansas. He was the only son of Gary Mitchell Bothwell and Donna Nemecek Bothwell. His mother died when he was barely a year old but he soon became part of another loving family. In 1959, his father, Gary, married a fellow widower, Beverly Jean Post Simpson, who had two sons, Bob and John. Their sister, Tammy, followed which made for a lot of fun growing up with a very tight-knit group of siblings.

The Bothwell family made their home in Belleville, Kansas before moving to Topeka, Kansas in 1964. Greg graduated from Topeka West High School in 1975. He remained in Topeka the rest of his life. Greg married Karen Keckler on August 2, 1986, in Topeka.

Greg began working for the City of Topeka Traffic Operations after high school. He was employed there for over 40 years before retiring as Signs & Markings Supervisor. Greg was a past president and long-time member of the International Municipal Signal Association and traveled frequently across the United States in support of their activities.

Greg was an outgoing person and an avid sportsman. In his trademark cowboy hat and scarf, he never met a stranger. He was a kindhearted soul who loved visiting with his family and friends. There is nothing he would not do for them. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, dogs, horses, old Western movies, shed hunting, rock collecting, and spending time with his grandson. His favorite outdoor adventures with family and friends included fishing for King Salmon and Halibut in Alaska and his many visits to Lebanon, Kansas and the Salina Creek mountains of Utah.

Greg is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Karen; his mother, Beverly Bothwell; son, Gray Bothwell (Kristin); grandson, Liam Bothwell; brother, Bob Simpson (Sandy); sister, Tammy Dishman (Jeff); brothers-in-law, Kevin Keckler (Donna) and Doug Keckler

(Tammy); and so many treasured nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Bothwell, parents-in-law, Bernard and Stanley Keckler, and brother, John Simpson.

A Celebration of Greg's Life and Open House will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Aurora at Vinewood, 2848 SE 29th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc., 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.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life and Open House

AUG 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

The Aurora at Vinewood
2848 SE 29th Street
Topeka, KS

Tribute Wall

DL

“ I also enjoyed working with Greg at the City and his computers! He was so patient and helpful in any situation with the most infectious smile and personality. RIP Cowboy!

Denise Landes - September 17, 2024 at 02:48 PM

DW

“ I stood watching as the little ship sailed out to sea. The setting sun tinted his white sails with a golden light, and as he disappeared from sight a voice at my side whispered, “He is gone.”

On the farther shore a little band of friends had gathered to watch and wait in happy expectation. Suddenly they caught sight of the tiny sail and, at the very moment when my companion had whispered, “He is gone,” a glad shout went up in joyous welcome, “Here he comes!”

David Woosley - August 17, 2024 at 03:55 AM

“ I think we all feel the same that Greg's life was cut short. Greg was my cousin, and growing up throughout all of our lives, I knew we were about the same age, I just never realized we were only a month apart. Yes, life can be cut short. I would like to share this poem with you because I can't find a better way to hold on to the memories when we think of Greg.

The Dash

*I read of a man who stood to speak, at a funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on his tombstone, from the beginning..... to the end. He noted, first came his date of birth, and spoke the following date with tears, But he said what mattered most of all, was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all of time, that he spent alive on earth.....
And know only those who loved him, knew what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own; the cars... the house... the cash...
What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard, are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.
If we could just slow down enough, to consider whats true and real,
And always try to understand, the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more,
And love the people in our lives, like we have never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile.....
Remembering that this special dash, might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's action's to rehash.....
Would you be proud of the things they say, about how you spend your dash?*

(author unknown)

*Greg had a lot to be proud of and I think he would of been proud of
"how he spent his dash....."*

We're going to miss you, Greg.

Fondly,

Kathy Henry

AG

“ Greg was a great friend and hunting buddy.

I will

Miss our frequent calls and planning out our next hunting trip or shed hunting excursion.

That guy could find sheds when no one else could! The countless stories and hours spent in the field will be dearly missed.

RIP my friend

Al and all the Salina Creek friends

Allen Gritton - August 08, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ I worked with Greg at the City of Topeka on two memorial signs for Aletha Cushingberry Memorial Prkway (Bellevue) and William Templeton Memorial Prkwy (Bellevue). I

enjoyed working with him on these two projects and enjoyed getting his personalized of the City sign shop where the city makes all the street signs. Condolences to the family all the best in this time of grieving. Best, Annie Driver



Ann Marie Freitag Driver - July 28, 2024 at 09:42 AM

CR

“ Greg and I worked together many years at the City. We had many good times when working and outside of work. After we all retired, several of our workmates got together for lunch. It won't be the same without Greg. Karen and family will be in our prayers.

Chuck Rogers - July 24, 2024 at 05:07 PM

DR

“ Such sudden news. Greg was always kind to me. Not everyone accepted dark skinned classmates so easily. Greg THANK YOU for being my friend. Enjoy your new surroundings. You deserve a beautiful place in heaven.

Dennis Rogers - July 24, 2024 at 04:10 PM

LC

“ Greg will be sorely missed by so many. I cannot get my head around this just yet. So sorry for all the family and all who knew him. Such a genuine, generous, kind soul.

Lorrie Clark - July 23, 2024 at 09:14 PM

LV

“ Hi I worked w Greg at city. Great guy! Condolences Linda Voss

Linda Voss - July 23, 2024 at 06:31 PM

M"

Greg was one of the greatest guys I ever had the luck to have as a friend. I met him as work friends in 1978. The memories I have with him, I will carry forever ❤️ There will never be another Greg. God speed Cowboy 🤠

Max Loveland, "Tony" - July 23, 2024 at 07:41 PM