



Gary Thomas O'Neill

September 28, 1950 - December 9, 2019

Gary Thomas O'Neill, "GTO", joined his loving parents Adelaide and Edmund in heaven on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the age of 69.

"Figure it out" - A note to himself on his bedroom door and a mantra he built into our hearts. GTO was an optimist, never limited by his reality. He was always challenging us to be authentic, curious, adventuresome, and grateful for the beauty of our world and each other.

He treasured his children with Ann Marie O'Neill: Mary (Bill), Laura, Edmund (Holly), Thomas (Anni), John, Bridget (Steven), Kathleen (Mike), Teresa (Lindsey), and Elizabeth. Grandpa GTO was an adoring and gentle grandfather to John, Kay Marie, Lily, Seamus, Matilda, Cian, Dennis, Teddy, Ella, Carrick, Keira, and Raymund.

Gary is survived by siblings Kathy (Jack), Jim (Cathy), Bill (LuAnn), Margaret, and many friends whom he loved deeply.

GTO graduated Hopkins High School in 1968 and spent his early years in politics. He later majored in Finance at St. Thomas College in St. Paul, MN, before leaving to run the family business. It was at this company that he designed and manufactured parts for the High Roller wood roller coaster at Valleyfair, the stories of which delight his children and grandchildren. He went

on to build a circuit board business in Chicago before moving his family back home to Minnesota to found his own manufacturing company, O-Tech Manufacturing.

He wrote us many love letters over the years in the form of research into our areas of interest, humorous attempts to elicit responses to his annual request for clothing sizes, invites to the grandchildren for educational adventures, business ideas, and words of encouragement and gratitude. He told stories like a true Irishman.

GTO was a passionate leader in politics and his community throughout his life and taught his children to give back and volunteer.

He will be forever in our hearts. Sláinte GTO.

Memorial Service, December 18, 2019

Visitation 10:00AM

Mass 11:00AM

St. Victoria Catholic Church

8228 Victoria Drive

Victoria, MN 55385

Donations: The Bridge for Youth

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Victoria Catholic Church
8228 Victoria Drive
Victoria, MN 55386

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Gary and I worked together in the auction and equipment appraisal business for over 15 years. He had a quick mind, always seeking to learn new things, embrace social change, stay abreast with technological advancements, and share that information and knowledge enthusiastically with others. We both grew up in Hopkins, had similar family business backgrounds and formed a wonderful friendship over the years. Gary, I will deeply miss your insights, and almost daily phone conversations covering a wide range of topics. Rest well Mr. O'Neill.

Jim Kloster - December 16, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary Thomas O'Neill.



December 13, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary Thomas O'Neill.



December 13, 2019 at 09:37 AM



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December 12, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ *Columbia Threadneedle Colleagues purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Thomas O'Neill.*



Columbia Threadneedle Colleagues - December 12, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Faith Ann Tice - December 12, 2019 at 02:51 PM



Hopkins High School graduation photo 1968

Faith Ann Tice - December 13, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gary Thomas O'Neill.



December 12, 2019 at 10:25 AM