



Gary A Mansell

June 5, 1954 - December 22, 2018

Plant City—Gary A Mansell, 64, died on December 22, 2018. Gary was born in Ontario Canada on June 5, 1954.

Gary Moved to Florida where he opened Dry Dock Inc. in 1980. In the years following, Gary adventured everywhere from the Appalachian Trail to the Caribbean Islands. When he returned to Florida he partnered with Tampa Forklift Inc. in 1994. In 2012 Gary moved to Plant City. Gary was an adventurous soul and loved racing, flying, and nature.

Gary is survived by his daughters, Chloe and Tatum; his sisters, Gail Mansell and Gina Rausch; step-sister, Carol Bennington; step-father, Bill Evans; his girlfriend, Lucy; and her children, Jamie, Damian and her grandchildren, Riley, Liyla, and William.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on January 4, 2019 at Gentry Morrison 3350 Mall Hill Drive Lakeland, FL 33810. Memorial service to follow in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary A Mansell*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 03, 2019 at 05:23 PM



I worked with Gary at FIT and Tampa Forklift and am so sorry for your loss.

Rick Stroud - January 29, 2019 at 05:10 PM

SP

“ *Gary had watched me grow into the adult I am today, and I like to think he had a part in who I am. I was hired at 17 years old and he gave me so much knowledge and opportunity. Though it's been a few years since I've seen him, he has always held a soft place in my heart. He was a man who left an impression on everyone. He will be deeply and dearly missed.*

Stacy Parido

Stacy Parido - January 04, 2019 at 10:58 AM

PC

“ Gary was a man's man, , he dabbled in a little bit of everything as I am learning.he hired me from Philly in 2012, I was always amazed at his knowledge of computers and how he tackled something in repair, if he hit a roadblock, he knew who to call. Gary was a teacher, he taught without coming across as pushy. If he pushed it made you better and he gave you the tools to look at something from more than one angle. I will miss his dry sense of humor and his relaxing demeanor. Walking past his tractor, will never be the same or seeing him with his field hat on. Rest in Peace Gary you are loved and will be missed.

Pete Conway
Service Dispatch

Tampa, Florida.

Pete Conway - January 04, 2019 at 10:36 AM

KK

“ I met Gary in 2001, he took me for a drive and asked me what I wanted in life. I told him I wanted to grow old with a Company and one I could be proud of and he said you are in the right place. From then, Gary used to always jump my butt when I did wrong, but he always said that he did it because he has faith in me and knows that I needed to do the right thing for the right reason. He always would sit in my office and tell me that I am a manager and I needed to take charge. He would always end our talks with "your a good man and do the right thing" then he would get up and shake my hand and give me a hug. I will never forget this last parade when he was so worried about me walking that he kept asking if I needed to drive and he would walk. After the parade he helped me load up and he hugged me and told me he loved us and that we were family and then he took my kids and put them in the back of his pick up truck and put my wife in the back seat and took them back to their car. He laughed at the girls because they were sitting back there having a great time yelling and singing. But most of all, I will miss all his talks and all the encouraging words that kept me going. I will keep his faith in me and will never let him down. He was family and we will miss him always.

Kenny Kirby
Rental and Transportation Manager
Florida Forklift

Kenny Kirby - January 03, 2019 at 09:47 PM

FJ

“ Frank and Nancy Jacobs purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gary A Mansell.



Frank and Nancy Jacobs - January 03, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Gary A Mansell.*



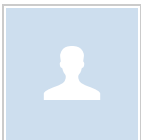
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“ *82 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 03, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gary A Mansell.*



January 03, 2019 at 04:06 PM

FA

“ *Frank Russo and Jimmy Zhang, HC Forklift America purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gary A Mansell.*



Frank Russo and Jimmy Zhang, HC Forklift America -
January 03, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Gary A Mansell.*



January 03, 2019 at 01:23 PM

RS

“ *Robbie & Kim - Taylor's Forklift Repair & Service purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Gary A Mansell.*



Robbie & Kim - Taylor's Forklift Repair & Service - January
03, 2019 at 09:01 AM

CM

“ People come into your life at God's will and for a reason. For me, it was when I received a call from Gary who wanted me to come and work for him. Sharing stories of our fathers at our first meeting, who were both mechanics, Gary and I had an immediate synergy and mutual respect for each other. As I had the opportunity to work with Gary I also come to know personally and respect him as a genuinely kind and compassionate man.

Much like my father who passed in 1994, I will miss Gary's car stories, friendship, and working with him to bring his vision to reality. I will forever respect and miss this great man.

Chris Morgan

CHRIS MORGAN - January 03, 2019 at 07:31 AM

FU

“ From Your Friends at Komatsu Forklift U.S.A. purchased the The Endless Sky Spray for the family of Gary A Mansell.



From Your Friends at Komatsu Forklift U.S.A. - January 02, 2019 at 04:25 PM

TS

“ i have had the pleasure of working for Gary since 2012. He will be remembered with much fondness. I learned a lot from him and he would always thank you for all you do for the company. Just a couple days before he passed. He startled me when he came into my office, he was very quiet footed. I turned around and asked if he needed anything. He just gave me the Gary smile and said he had to come down and thank me. I said for what? He said for doing the job you do and gave me a big hug. He always let you know that he appreciated what you did for the company. He always said "do the right thing for the right reasons". I will never forget, i will always remember him with much fondness.

*Teresa Smith
Sales Coordinator
The Florida Forklift Family*

TERESA SMITH - January 02, 2019 at 01:47 PM