



## Gary Hannig

January 29, 1934 - April 16, 2019

Gary Whitney Hannig passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from cancer.

Gary was born on January 29, 1934 in Las Vegas, Nevada to Joseph Julius Hannig and Afton Lovina Whitney. He enjoyed many outdoor adventures around Lake Mead, a family ranch near Moapa Valley, and the canyons in Southern Utah.

He attended Brigham Young University, where he made many life-long friends, including his Tau Sigma brothers. He served a mission to the British Isles for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was also in the ROTC. After graduating, he served in the Air Force for four years. While stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, near Sumter, South Carolina, he met a lovely young woman, Elizabeth Player, whom he later married.

He graduated from BYU and they lived in Davis County, Utah. Gary worked in sales for many years. He later retired as a sales representative for Bristol-Meyers Squibb Pharmaceuticals after more than 30 years of service. While living in Centerville, four boys were born: Mark, Todd, Greg, and Tim. Also, a Navajo foster son joined their family, Herbert Yazzie.

Gary then led his family to Provo, Utah, where they finally welcomed a daughter, Melissa. In Provo, he grew a large beautiful garden. He loved the outdoors. He hunted, fished, skied, snowmobiled, hiked, camped, boated, and biked.

He served in several bishoprics, including Bishop of the Oak Hills Third Ward. He also was in a number of stake high councils and stake callings. He loved singing in the ward choir and assisting the young men's and scouting organizations. He was an Ordinance Worker in the Provo Temple. Gary was a proud member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the BYU Cougar Club.

Gary is survived by his wife, Elizabeth and his five children. His children are: Mark and his two daughters, Zinnia and Jennifer; Todd (Simeen) and his daughter Mei-Li; Greg

(Aubrey) and his two daughters, Naomi and Ellie, and his son Connor; Tim and his son, Dylan, and his daughter, Brooklyn; Melissa (Jeff) and her three sons, Tate, Calvin, and Lars. Dylan has two boys: Ethan and Ayden. Gary is also survived by his sister, Karen (Evan) Henderson, and his brother, Jon (Laurel) Hannig. He is preceded in death by his brother, Carlisle (Lois).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the LDS Humanitarian Fund.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, April 20th, at 11:00 am, at the Sharon East Stake Center, 2400 North 1060 East, Provo, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Interment in East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East

Provo, UT, 84604

# Events

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**APR** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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Sharon East Stake Center

2400 North 1060 East, Provo, UT, US

**APR** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Sharon East Stake Center

2400 North 1060 East, Provo, UT, US

# Comments

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“ Lots of love to the Hannig family today. I lived across the street and remember helping Gary with computer technical support and AOL help. We installed printer drivers together and I think I even swapped out a modem on his PC. One morning I heard a loud crazy noise coming from across the street / Gary was revving up his boat engine in the driveway. Gary was good people and will be missed.

**Joe Heagany** - April 20, 2019 at 07:08 PM

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“ From the Yazzie and Tsosie family, we want you to know that our thoughts are with you today. We are forever grateful for your opening your home to our family. I remember running into the both of you last year and had such a pleasant conversation. Elizabeth and Gary were always a walking ray of light with unconditional compassion and love. These are characters you acquire through practice. Gary is a one example I hope to follow. Families are forever. Be at peace and be still.....Thank you.

Orlando Tsosie

**Orlando Tsosie** - April 20, 2019 at 12:23 PM

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“ Colleen and I just learned of Gary's passing. Gary has been a wonderful friend over the past 60 + years. His example at Brigham Young University had a profound effect upon me. As a non-member who knew no boundaries of civility of sorts, I was impressed that Gary could be so faithful in the gospel and be such a strong paternity brother.

I have enjoyed working with Gary in the temple over the past number of years and was delighted to find that Gary was as strong and faithful as ever. He had a great love for his family and was always so optimistic about the future. As our fellow Tausig's have died over the years, Gary and I equally commiserated over their loss.

I will personally miss Gary, but know all is well. The tomb is empty and the gospel is true. On this, Omnis Uno good friend.

John Stohlton

**John Stohlton** - April 19, 2019 at 01:05 PM