



Gaylan Keith Knoblett

October 1, 1941 - August 31, 2014

Gaylan K. Knoblett, age 72 of Bloomington passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends at Indiana University Health Hospice House Sunday afternoon, August 31, 2014 after an almost 2 year battle with small cell lung cancer.

Gaylan was born in Robinson, Illinois to Herbert Knoblett and Evelyn Cross Noblett, both whom have preceded him in death, and spent most of his life and school years in the Montezuma and Clinton, Indiana area.

He was a graduate of Indiana State University, and after a short stint as a math and science teacher he turned his talents to retail management starting with Woolco Department Stores in Terre Haute in 1965. That same year he married his wife, the former Paula Andrews, of Clinton, Indiana.

His career in retail management took the family to many parts of the country with several other retailers; Topps Discount Stores in 1970, Hills Department Stores in 1973, and Walmart in 1989.

Gaylan and his family moved to Bloomington in 1981 when he was selected as the first store manager of the new Hills Department Store at Jackson Creek Shopping Center where he remained for 8 years.

In 1989 he joined Walmart and worked in management at several stores before he was selected to be the first general manager of the new Bloomington Walmart which opened in January of 1994. He retired in 2004 after 15 years in management with various Walmart Stores.

He enjoyed boating and fishing on Lake Monroe and owned several different boats in his lifetime.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Knoblett of Dana, Indiana. He is survived by another brother Bill Knoblett of Clinton, Indiana, sister in law Carol Knoblett of Dana, Indiana and sister Vicki Holsapple of Delphi, Indiana.

Gaylan leaves behind his wife of 49 years Paula; his son Gregory Knoblett of Clyde, Ohio; daughter Gayla Knoblett and her fiancé Dean Hogan of Knightstown, Indiana; grandson Cory Knoblett of Anderson, Indiana; granddaughter Megan Davis of Bloomington; sister in law and brother in law Debbie (Andrews) Crager and Jeff of Columbus, Ohio; sister in law Julie (Andrews) Panetti of Paris Illinois,; brother in law David Andrews of Hillsboro, Ohio, and several nieces and nephews.

Calling will be from 1:00PM until 3:00PM, Friday September 5, 2014 at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37, Bloomington, followed by a short memorial service at 3:00PM and cremation.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Indiana University Health Hospice House and or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to the family at

www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

JU

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gaylan was a great boss and a wonderful man. He was well loved and will be missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers today.

Julie Fowler - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

KA

“ Paula- Greg and Gayla
I am so sorry for your loss. He was a very special and great man. I was very lucky to have known him and of course enjoyed seeing him and all of you again.

You are in my thoughts today as everyday since Rob told me what was happening. You have been an extended family and if you should need anything know that we are here for you.

He will be greatly missed.
Karen Chandler
Cameron and Caitlyn

Karen Chandler - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

SC

“ Paula, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's death. Please know others are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Sandy Abner Cook - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

GO

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad Gayla. You are in our family's thoughts and prayers. Patel Family

Gopesh Patel - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

TJ

“ Hello all. We were greatly saddened to hear of Gaylan's passing. We have also informed mom (Ruby Heskett) & Grandma Love in Texas. From all the Heskett kids; Ron, Bob, myself, Teal & Sara we wish you all the best of memories at this time & know we all care for you and your families. ;)
Teal Heskett-Scioldo

Teal Heskett & John Scioldo - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

Jl

“ Paula,
I am so sorry to hear about your husband. Sending thoughts of comfort.
-Jill Dodge

Jill Dodge - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

HI

“ Paula and family,

Sending deepest condolences for your loss. You are in our family's thoughts and prayers--may you find some comfort surrounded by family, friends and fond memories.

The Heffernan Family

Hilary Heffernan - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

PA

“ Paula, I'm very saddened to hear that you've lost your true love, Gaylan. Please let me offer my deepest condolences to you and the family.

Patty Anderson - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

KA

“ Paula, I am so, so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Big hugs to you and your family.

Best,
Kate

Kate Morgan - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MI

“ Paula and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Galen's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Michelle Sinning - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

B(

“ So sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Paula.

Beth Anderson (Miller) - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

ST

“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of your husband, father and grandfather. I am sure he put a good fight against a nasty disease.

Steve Lewis - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

AN

“ *Dear Paula and Family,
I just heard the news. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Please accept
my sincere condolences during this difficult time.*

*I hope you and your family will find some peace in the knowledge
that Gaylan no longer has to suffer.*

*Very truly yours,
Annette*

Annette Oppenlander - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

CJ

“ *Farewell old friend and thanks for being a part of my life for many
years. May your journey now take you to all the places you use to
dream of. And may your family rejoice in the fond memories you
have left behind. R.I.P. "Knobby"*

Charlie Jones - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM