

Gary M. Kelsch

October 5, 1938 ~ January 15, 2023

First of all condolences to his family I know he will be missed. Gary was a good friend to me over the years. He always love to talk the gospel with me and my brother we had lots of hopes and aspirations together, looking for the kingdom of God to be established. My prayer is for his family and Gary to be able to take part in the great work. That's ahead of us.

- Nephi O Barlow

One of the greatest men I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

- Parker Kelsch

Sending all our love & deepest condolences to Aunt Faye & Aunt Linda & all of the Kelsch family. Uncle Gary is one of the most remarkable men I've had the pleasure to know & also call uncle. He will be so missed by all that knew him. Wes & Laurie Galan

- Laurie Galan

I began my first job at 18 out of high school in the summer of 1968 at Olympia Kitchens before starting college. I remember my first day reporting to this tall, blond, stern foreman with those penetrating blue eyes who looked right through you. Of course if was Gary. When he saw my last name was Drake, he asked if Oscar Drake was my dad and I said Yes. My dad was the plant manager at Olympia 1964-1965 when they first began manufacturing cabinets and he was very impressed with Gary and took him under his leadership, built him up as plant foreman, and there were two reserved parking spots with signs at the plant door OSCAR and GARY. Gary really respected and loved my dad - and my dad loved Gary. I grew to feel the exact same way about him. He was always fair, teaching, mentoring and supportive. That first summer his dad Lou worked next to me in the mill. Dale and Joe ran the assembly department. It was like the Kennedy brothers - John, Bobby and Ted. I worked there the next summer and when I stopped in to ask for a job, Gary had moved up to plant manager - he looked at me and said "absolutely, when can you start?" That summer of 1969 added more Kelsch sisters. I didn't see them until 1981, but

had followed their success starting Fashion Cabinets in the small building beside I-15, then moving to the new plant. Everyone was always so industrious and organized. In 1981 Merle Workman, an OIympia employee and I drove to West Jordan to visit the plant - Gary and Dale gave us a grand tour - talk about impressive (but no surprise)!! That was the last time I saw them - I've thought about Gary over the years - he was a great influence on my life and an incredible example of Christ-like living on the Earth. We know there's a grand Kelsch family reunion on the other side of the veil. September 21, 2024

- Dennis C. Drake