



Gary John Hadley

August 7, 1960 ~ September 26, 2022

Gary John Hadley was a big, big man. Gary John.

He had a huge heart that filled up most of his body and his “larger than life” personality and great sense of humor filled the rest.

Gary took great pride in his physical size and strength. Often someone would bet he couldn’t lift that piece of sheetrock or some other heavy item only to find they had to pay up. He loved proving you wrong, showing that indeed he could, and taking your money.

But to truly define Gary, and his strength of character, I give you the following definition.

The word HONORABLE has to do with people and actions that are honest, fair, and worthy of respect.

An honorable person is someone who believes in truth and doing the right thing — and tries to live up to those high principles.

It is that attribute of Gary that made him successful with his business, Hadley Drywall and Remodeling, and earned him the reputation of being the “Best Drywaller in Salt Lake” by many who worked with him. His business may have begun in 1995, but his experience began at 12 scrapping houses, spotting screws, and learning the fine art of “walking a bucket” to reach the high places.

His family also illustrates his strength of character. Many have called him a saint to take on a woman who already had 3 boys. Others tried to persuade him that he was making the biggest mistake of his life. But Gary always made up his own mind and determined he was going to make it work. And he did for 40 years. Honorable. Along the way came his daughter and his family was complete. Of course, until the grandkids arrived.

Gary is survived by his wife Lorrie, their sons Kristopher Mitchell Petro, (daughter, Wendy & Austin Romo. Son, Tyler, and daughter Safiah). Kyle Marcus Petro (wife Brandi and his sons Aiden and Evin), Kent Byers Hartman (wife Wendy and daughter Brittany) and his daughter Kasey Mae Hadley Heimlich (husband Nathan, and sons Nathaniel, Andrew and Ethan). He is also survived by his mother Joan and husband Chuck Bohman.

He will be missed by so many who loved and respected him. He really was, a big, big man. Gary John.

Services will be held Friday, October 28, 2022, at 4:00 pm at the Sugarhouse Garden Center 1602 E 2100 S in Salt Lake City