



## Gary Read Hancock

June 22, 1938 - July 15, 2023

Gary Read Hancock passed away on July 15, 2023, in Hurricane, Utah. He was born June 22, 1938, to Boyd and Zelma Read Hancock. He was raised on the family dairy farm in West Weber, graduating from Weber High school and attending the University of Utah. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints faithfully serving a mission in Arkansas and later served as an ordinance worker at the Ogden Temple. He also served his country in the United States Air Force.

Gary and Judie were married on April 3, 1981, in Elko, Nevada. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Nauvoo Temple.

Gary worked in the real estate industry. He obtained his broker's license early on in his career. He mentored many agents in the industry and had several that thought of him as a second dad. After 48 years of brokering, selling and developing real estate he retired in 2022. At 84 years old he was still going to his office each day and involved in several projects.

He enjoyed working at the family dairy farm when needed. Almost always during corn and hay cutting season you could find him in the cab of one of the farm trucks driving back and forth from field to farm. He was an avid reader (did you ever see his library?!) and had a knack of remembering information, especially historical details. He had amazing woodworking skills. There often was a puzzle out on the table that he would enjoy for hours and if you were there he always invited you to join in the progress. He had many fond memories of family summer vacations, starting at a young age, to Island Park.

Later taking his own family and making memories fishing, floating the river, West Yellowstone, the Playmill theater and sightseeing. Gary loved going for drives and getting off the beaten path, reading all the historical markers he could.

Gary is survived by his wife Judie. Children; Lisa Hancock Murray - Layton, UT, Jeff (Gayla) Hancock - Wilsonville, OR - Michele (Curtis) Anderson - Hurricane, UT. Stepchildren; Daren Hawkins – Thailand, Kim (Derrek) Wally – Bullfrog, UT, Tiffany (Jeff) Nelson – Hurricane, UT, Sharon Uriona – West Point, UT, Calley (Lorenzo) Razo – Hawaii, Adam (Jennifer) Hawkins – Alaska. 28 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren with one on the way. Survivors also include his siblings; twin brother Jerry Hancock – West Weber, UT, Joan (Richard) Kendell – North Salt Lake, UT, Rex (Sharon) Hancock – West Weber, UT.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepson Jack Harbour, and one grandchild Bradley Nelson.

The family would like to thank the medical staff at St George Regional Hospital, the staff at Coral Desert Rehab and Enhabit Home Health and Hospice for the loving care Gary received.

Gary will be remembered with a Celebration of Life. This is just so long, not goodbye, we will see you again.

Family and friends are invited to share tributes online. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

# Tribute Wall



“ I was so sad to hear that “Grandpa Hancock” as I knew him passed away! I have many memories of spending summers in their back yard, even breaking Andrews ankle getting a piggy back down his back stairs (whoops)!  
I remember watching nature documentaries and other movies in his theater room.

*You will be missed! I sure do love you and your family!*

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**Kaitlyn Hawker** - July 21, 2023 at 07:11 AM

PS

“ Paulette S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Read Hancock.

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**Paulette S.** - July 20, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ Our hearts are broken - OH how we LOVE this GREAT man - so VERY good and kind and caring to us. He will be sorely missed!!!

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**Joan Rumsey** - July 19, 2023 at 10:02 PM



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Gary is a friend of many years. He helped me sell my home and then carefully helped me through the purchase and building of a new home in West Haven, UT. I always felt he helped me above and beyond. He even helped his son put in my sprinkler system....and gathered hundreds of river rocks from my land to create his own river bed in his new home in West Weber. I will always remember him fondly. May his family feel the comfort of Heaven until they're together again. Glenna Lewis

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**Glenna Lewis** - July 20, 2023 at 05:23 PM