



Gary W. Roubinek

September 3, 1941 - March 21, 2024

A racer, an avid outdoorsman, a sharp-minded (and sharp-tongued) businessman, and a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Gary Wayne Roubinek, 82, of Delaware, Ohio and Naples, Florida, passed peacefully in the company of his family on March 21, 2024.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on September 3, 1941 to parents Eugene and Dorothy (affectionately known as Doll), Gary played baseball and football at Niles Township High School in Skokie, Illinois before studying accounting at Illinois Wesleyan University where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He later earned his MBA at Northwestern University.

Just before college, Gary began dating the love of his life, Shirley Ferguson. They married in June 1963 and welcomed three children – Brett, Stacy, and Craig. Together, they embarked on Gary's career journey in public accounting at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co (later KPMG) where he soon made partner and forged lifelong friendships. His career moved their family to Omaha, Chicago, New York City, and Columbus and took Gary and Shirley around the world on business trips.

After settling in Columbus, Gary became part of the fabric of the business community having at times served on the Board of Directors of Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Executive Search Committee of the State Treasurer's Office, and the Mayor's Task Force to create and run the Columbus 500 – an IMSA race through the streets of downtown.

A renaissance man, Gary enjoyed working with his hands as much as he enjoyed the intellectual challenges of accounting. A gentleman racer, Gary's family – including his father Gene – made memories at circuits across the country as Gary raced karts, moved into open wheel racing, and eventually owned Roubinek Motorsports operating NASCAR series entries in the northeast. He enjoyed hunting and competitive sport shooting, forging many lasting friendships through those endeavors. Most of all, Gary cherished his role as “Papa”/“Grandpa” sharing unique interests, thoughtful guidance, and often some pocket cash with each of his eight grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and his only sibling, Brian M. Roubinek. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley Roubinek; their three children, Brett Roubinek (Kt) of Galena, Stacy Berglund (John) of Redding, CA, and Craig Roubinek (Linda) of Powell; and their adored and adoring grandchildren, Erin, Hannah, Abby, Justin, Megan, Hopa, River, and Fiadh.

Plans for a Celebration of Life will be shared with close friends and family at a later date. If desired, the family recommends donations to the National Wildlife Federation or simply treating yourself to a Starbucks beverage in memory of Gary.

Tribute Wall

OL

“ *What a fitting obituary!
I will miss my Peat Marwick friend.*

Oliver - April 03, 2024 at 07:20 AM

TM

“ *From: TRC Board Members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Roubinek.*

TRC Board Members - April 01, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary W. Roubinek.*



April 01, 2024 at 01:42 PM

JE

“ *5 files added to the album Tribute Wall*



Jerry - March 27, 2024 at 06:00 PM

JK

“ We first met Gary 20+ years ago in Sebring, FL at an IPSC/USPSA match. Jerry went to get us a spirit while we cleaned up for dinner, an hour later I found Jerry in the lounge with Gary, where we spent the rest of the evening having dinner, and meeting Shirley and Brett. Gary and Shirley have been like a 2nd set of parents to us as well as very dear friends.



There have been so many wonderful memories from Jerry traveling in the motor coach (sleeping bag in tow) with Gary to shoot matches to travels in Naples, Ecuador, Las Vegas, SC, and right there in Ohio. Being with you on your 50th Wedding Anniversary was so very special to us.

Gary also invited Jerry along with he and Brett for Jerry's 1st Elk hunt in Oregon. What a memory!

With love and sympathy, we will never forget our dear, good friend!

Jerry and Karen Brown

Jerry & Karen - March 27, 2024 at 05:56 PM

HB

“ Heidi B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Roubinek.

Heidi B. - March 27, 2024 at 01:47 PM

VC

“ Had the pleasure of working with Gary as fellow partners in the Chicago office.

Vince Cannella - March 27, 2024 at 10:52 AM

FA

“ From, Bob Nelson at AHM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Roubinek.

From, Bob Nelson at AHM - March 26, 2024 at 12:50 PM

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“ From, Bob Nelson at AHM purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary W. Roubinek.



From, Bob Nelson at AHM - March 26, 2024 at 12:50 PM

YT

“ Your Huntington Private Bank Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary W. Roubinek.

Your Huntington Private Bank Team - March 25, 2024 at 11:09 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary W. Roubinek.



March 25, 2024 at 11:09 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear this formative, amazing man has passed.

Gary was an absolute man's man. Growing up with his kids, Gary and my dad working at PMW/KPMG together. Those two CPA's broke the mold of the stuffy, boring accounting. Many a crazy story for other places days, but rest assured there were many very fun weekends that involved cars, guns, fireworks and yes, fine alcohol. Gary and the Roubineks brought me into pro racing and it's where I still work today.

I told Brett 5-7 years ago I'd still like Gary to have my back in a bar, and he agreed that his dad wouldn't had been a bad choice, even for a 75.

Godspeed, Gary. You had more influence on people than you'll ever know, and you will be sorely missed. And best wishes to your entire family in this tough time. I sadly can relate.

All the Best,

Mike Stahlschmidt

Michel Stahlschmidt - March 24, 2024 at 09:01 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Craig Roubinek - March 24, 2024 at 12:51 PM