



Gil Benard

January 9, 1947 - April 6, 2023

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made to the Snowdrop Foundation at the following link, <https://snowdropfoundation.org/donate/> in memorial of Gil Benard. Snowdrop Foundation provides scholarships for college bound pediatric cancer patients and childhood cancer survivors while raising awareness and funding for continued research to cure childhood cancer.

Gil Benard of Spring, Texas, passed away peacefully after an admirable battle against lung cancer in his home surrounded by his family on Thursday, April 6th 2023. Born in St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada on January 9th 1947, Gil is preceded in death by his parents, Gerard and Jeanne as well as his brother, Denis.

Gil began his 35-year banking career with Royal Bank of Canada in British Columbia before relocating to the United States in 1981 until his retirement. Following his retirement from banking Gil joined the Windrose Golf community where he worked until 2022. Above all, Gil was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who enjoyed helping those in need, travelling and spending time with his family. Gil always gave more than he received.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gwen, daughter Lesley, son Jamie and his wife Anne Marie, granddaughters Sydney and Samantha, sister Diane and her husband Stephen, brother Vic and his wife Stephanie, brother Roy,

brother Paul and many wonderful cousins, nieces and nephews. Gil will be missed dearly by all.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *My family and I are very fortunate to have the relationship and memories that we do with the Benard's.*

Back in 2008, Gil called my father after I graduated from UNI to check in and see if I had any plans outside of baseball. He thought of me when I was on my own and offered his support to make sure I kicked out off my professional career on the right track. I am sure he had a lot more important things to focus on but the fact that he and his family went out of their way to help a lost graduate in Iowa is something I will never forget and will always be incredibly grateful for.

Gil came into my life at such a critical time, and I have the utmost respect and gratitude for his generosity, support and friendship.

He is someone I will always look up to and I am very thankful for all the great times we had.

May he rest in peace.

Dane Embury

Dane Embury - July 07, 2023 at 04:45 PM

CM

“ Gordon and I had many good times with Gil and Gwen.

I have known Gil for 50+ and have countless memories from before they were married, visits to homes through his employment with Royal Bank, cruising with Archie, and times spent at the time-share in Las Vegas.

*Gil had a special personality. Humorous , fun loving, smart, organized, and fair.
He was a great Husband , Father and Brother -in-law.*

Gil will rest in Peace now.

He will live forever from the memories and love in the hearts and minds of Family and Friends

Carolyn Morris



Carolyn Morris - April 20, 2023 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ Gil was a Founding Member of, and the 1st Canadian captured by, SCO’s “TFH” tennis team. As you can easily imagine, Gil became the MVP, Captain, coach, encourager, friend, buddy, and most importantly, he negotiated the Gil Rule.

The Gil Rule was an agreement w the tennis League, that ALL TFH tennis games would be Home games “at the SCO ditch”. The other stipulation was that TFH would win or lose enough games so that ALL games were on Thursday nights. In return, Gil agreed TFH would host the away team and serve grilled BBQ on the ChillyboDilly, rock music, Gladiator firepit contests, golf range balls, bottle rockets, the Bus, and related bonfires🔥.

The TFH MVP record begun by Gil, was carried forward by another awesome hockey player, his son Jamie who was MVP each time he played (unless Kurt got lucky).

During one pivotal post game meeting to further evaluate play, Gil head faked the bathroom and bolted out of the bar. Matt was able to catch him (Gil tried serpentine moves) and I brought the car up. Once we got to Gil’s, we were laughing so hard while we tried to snake Gil inside that we fell on the front yard for awhile until “Hi Gwen, we got you a Gil”. She just laughed and said c’mon Gil! What a great woman ... his story was “kidnapped”.

Love from all of us @TFH to the Benard family

tfh - April 12, 2023 at 09:24 PM

IC

*Hi Gwen
Ive been looking fir both of u for years
I dint know if u remember me
My mame Inday chu a filipino from
Philippines and u help me when i was pregnant in victoria british
colombia
Im so sorry to know that Gil passed away only last year
Pls call me
Im in boston massachussets
781 820/8099
Please please
Thank u soo much and i both love u for so long slways
Miss u much*

inday chu - June 30, 2024 at 09:23 PM

IC

God bless u and take care

inday chu - June 30, 2024 at 09:24 PM

AC

“ I love that not only did I get to experience the incredible, fun loving sense of humour that Uncle Gil brought to our family but that my kids also had the opportunity to grow up with their Great Uncle Gil. His memory lives on with those of us lucky enough to have been part of his life. Even though we are sad, we can't help but smile whenever we think of him ❤️



Andree Crawford - April 11, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ My condolences to Gwen and Gil’s family . Gil was such a loving and fun person , a great brother , father, grandfather, uncle , son and everything else he was in life . We will always remember him for the great guy that he was. Such a loss for us all as he has passed away far too young as far as I am concerned . Cancer has robbed us of many of (my) our loved ones, let’s hope that soon we can finally figure out a cure and put an end to the suffering and death that is caused by Cancer . May he rest in peace knowing that so many loved him so much .



Roy Benard - April 11, 2023 at 05:48 PM

SB

“ Me deepest condolences during this very hard time to Aunty Gwen and family. We really had the best memories 🍷 because we have the best family and he was the heart of it. I will never forget his amazing smile and sense of humor. He made every situation fun and was just one of the Best people ever. He was so generous and thoughtful.



Selena Benard - April 11, 2023 at 03:07 PM

CR

“ I will always smile when I think of Gil being the "grown up" cousin that laughed hard, smiled often, and gave great hugs. Cathy Renkas(Benard)

Cathy Renkas - April 10, 2023 at 03:35 PM

PG

“ *Dear Gwen and Family; we are saddened to hear from Carolyn letting us know about the loss of Gil. Though we are far apart we think of you often. Sincerest condolences to you and your family from Graham & Pat*

Pat & Graham - April 08, 2023 at 05:38 PM