

## Knesek Family Funeral Chapel - Bellville

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### Gerald Normand Beausoleil

( January 30, 1958 - January 02, 2021 )

It is with the greatest sadness that the family of Gerald Normand Beausoleil announces his passing after a long illness, on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at the age of 62.



Gerald, also known as Gegs, was born on January 30, 1958 in Woonsocket R.I. to Normand and Joan (Wright) Beausoleil.

In 1988, he received an Associate Degree in Aerodynamics from TSTI and began his lifelong love affair with flying, a career which spanned over 30 years.

Gerald began as a flight instructor at TSTI, quickly moving through his airplane ratings with stints as First Officer and then Captain at Martinaire, Chaparral and Metro Airlines, before starting a 12 year career at Express One International Airlines. He soon made Captain and check-airman, and then in 1994 moved to Brussels, Belgium to establish a new base for the airline. He became the Chief Pilot for the base and remained there with his family until December 2000.

Upon his return to the United States, Gerald began flying for Alaska Airlines as First Officer based at LAX. He enjoyed 18 wonderful years of flying until his retirement. In each role, he was the consummate professional, highly respected by his peers and trusted implicitly by his crew.

Gerald had many passions and gifts. He was an avid golfer and a member of Stephen F. Austin Golf Club, a member of the International Golf Club of Belgium and was involved in tournaments throughout Europe and played wherever he found a nice course. A natural musician, he was named Who's Who in Young Trumpet Players in America while still in high school and earned the John Philip Sousa Band Award. He also loved to play the piano and harmonica and played in a band of local musicians in the Bellville area.

An avid outdoorsman and animal lover, Gerald loved to be surrounded by nature, including hunting with his brothers

Mark and Luke. His love of the outdoors was instilled during his time in Boy Scouts. Gerald attained the rank of Life Scout and embodied the 12 principles of the Scout Law. He loved a good road trip, camping or fishing whenever time allowed.

He was blessed with a natural flair for comedy and will be remembered fondly for his manic sense of humor. Give him a hat and he'd have his friends and family in stitches with his slapstick impersonations.

The most important thing to Gerald was family. He was a dedicated family man, not only to his own but also his sibling's families, doting on his nieces and nephews. Gerald also had close relationships with many of his British aunts, uncles and cousins and will be greatly missed by his extended British family. A loyal friend, he was blessed with many lifelong friends from every aspect of his life, especially Rey Delgo. Gerald was a man of conviction, faith and integrity to his dying breath.

Gerald was preceded in death by his father Joseph Normand Beausoleil. He is survived by his mother Joan (Wright) Beausoleil of Liberty; his loving wife Mandy and children Bryn, Gabrielle and William of Bellville; siblings Bernard of Liberty, Briand (Fiona) of Teddington, UK, Mark (Liz) of Liberty, Suzanne Kuempel (Russell) of Wichita Falls, Luke (Ginna) of Austin, and Pauline (Hossein Moradi) of La Jolla, CA; father and mother-in-law Bill and Carolyn Stewart of Ft. Worth. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who were doted on and loved by Uncle Gags.

A private funeral service in memory of Gerald will be held in Bellville, Texas. His final resting place will be at the Masonic Cemetery in Chappell Hill, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please direct any donations: [www.thompsonsantansky.com](http://www.thompsonsantansky.com) and make a donation in Gerald's name. This memorial golf tournament was near to his heart.

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