



## Gwyn Wellstead Morgan

September 19, 2021

Father. Brother. Uncle. Cousin. Friend. Computing Pioneer. Bridge Player.  
Proud Grandpa.

“He is such a nice man,” “Such a gentleman,” “So kind and thoughtful.” These sentences always come up whenever Gwyn Morgan’s name is mentioned. His quiet decency seemed to be what people noticed first about him.

Gwyn was born in May 1940, the first child on his family’s dairy farm in the small village of Resolven, South Wales. He had memories, as a very young child, of hiding in the dark under the kitchen table with his mother during the rare bombing raids reaching Wales in WWII, and later being part of VE day celebrations on his street in 1945. He was the eldest of five children, and grew up simultaneously helping on the farm (Pentwyn) and going to school. Sometime after moving from home and starting a mathematics degree at Swansea University, he came across an ad looking for people excelling at math for a new career in “computers.” It intrigued him, and soon (early 1960s) he moved to London to work in the computing divisions of Ford and Honeywell – the dawn of UK computing. He also worked for Honeywell in Paris, France, before being recruited in 1967 to another Honeywell job and settling in Toronto, Canada. From there he programmed room-sized mainframes using the Easytran language and punch cards, attended Expo 67, and developed a lifelong interest in hockey (which joined the English Premiere League, F1, and

rugby in his heart) as he watched the Leafs win the Stanley Cup that year.

He soon married another Honeywell employee (Sandra Johnson) and started a family, and a few years later daughter Julia and then son Brian were born. Both have fond memories of their dad from the 1970s, such as when he would bring home a table-top sized “computer” at night for the family to connect (via dial phone) to a computer at work for a game of checkers, card playing and board game nights, and their time together on yearly family visits to Centerville and the Toronto Islands.

In the 1980s, Gwyn’s marriage ended, and when Bull’s (which had acquired Honeywell) computer division shut down, he continued to work as an IT project manager at Gescou, Bell Sygma and CGI where he was a friend and mentor to many. Gwyn began playing duplicate bridge in the 1980s; he played at Kate Buckman’s Bridge Studio, Partners Bridge Club and the Toronto Bridge Club over many years. Through the pandemic, he kept playing online almost daily, and was sent his Silver Life Master certificate in July 2021 (an achievement he told no one about, quite typically).

His other passions were music (opera, chamber, and traditional jazz), reading (science, math, physics & history), visiting the St. Lawrence Market (he was a Saturday fixture for decades) and walking through the Don Valley and his beloved Danforth neighbourhood, where he lived the last 25 years. Also Monty Python (his favourite Python being John Cleese).

In 2011, one last great passion came into his life: Kurt Morgan (Brian’s son). Kurt and his grandpa shared a special bond; nothing lit up Gwyn’s face quite like his grandson.

He is deeply missed by Julia, Brian, and Kurt, siblings and in-laws Hugh (Pat), Clive (Marcia), and Carmen (Steve); Linda, Gary, Kathleen, and the rest of his

cousins in the UK; nieces and nephews Angharad, Delyth, Branwen, Gethin, Gareth, Evan, Huw, and Ceri; Margaret, Meryl, Joseph and Leyre, June, and many others in our extended family. He is also missed by many friends – especially longtime friend Joan, along with Gerald and Paula, Frank, and John C. Gwyn was loved by others who have left us, including his brother John, parents Ivor and Molly, friend Margaret Cherry, and his uncle Arthur and aunt Paula. Special thanks to James W., Lorraine and the many health professionals who have supported Gwyn over the years.

Gwyn died on September 19, 2021, very peacefully, together with loved ones and music. A Celebration of Life with video option will take place at a later date. If you would like to attend, please let family know or email [cardinalsoars@gmail.com](mailto:cardinalsoars@gmail.com). In lieu of flowers, donations to causes Gwyn often supported are appreciated: the Yonge Street Mission [www.ysm.ca](http://www.ysm.ca) (the issues of homelessness and hunger weighed heavily on him) or Parkinson Canada [www.parkinson.ca](http://www.parkinson.ca). Tributes to Gwyn on this site are most welcome and appreciated.

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ *In addition to his very long and warm friendship with Joan, I'll always remember Gwyn's graciousness with our late mother. She often mentioned that he had called her, just to chat -- another example of Gwyn's kindness, consideration, and generosity of spirit.*

*Don Cherry*

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**Don Cherry** - October 04, 2021 at 11:46 AM

DT

“ *Saddened to hear of Gwyn's passing. We worked at Bell and CGI for many years and he was always someone we could go to for answers to some difficult questions. A gentle and kind person, he will be sorely missed, my condolences to the family.*

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**Dan Tanaka** - October 04, 2021 at 10:12 AM

PM

“ *Gwyn's calming kindness and genuine engagement with us was inspiring - inspiring us all to be better.  
Sending supportive wishes to all his loved ones,  
Patricia (Cherry) McCallum*

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**Patricia Marie McCallum** - September 29, 2021 at 11:26 AM

JO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Joan** - September 28, 2021 at 05:57 PM

RB

“ I am saddened by the death of Gwyn. I had the pleasure of working with him for many years and have never met nicer gentleman. My condolences to his family.

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**Rick Bryant** - September 26, 2021 at 01:47 PM

SE

“ Thoughts & condoences to you all from Resolven

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**Suzanne (Wellstead) Evans** - September 26, 2021 at 04:52 AM

JR

“ I am so sorry that you have lost your dad. Gwyn was my Tuesday bridge partner, he was competitive, challenging, fun and an enjoyable partner.  
May his soul find rest.

*Josie Radic*

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**Josie Radic** - September 25, 2021 at 10:00 PM

MG

“ Gwyn was my cousin, although we were physically separated during the recent past. I remember his being a warm, unassumingly intelligent, faithful friend and family member.  
He was also an exceptionally loyal and helpful bridge partner with my mother Paula, and gave her generous support in her later years.  
He will be missed.

*Rest in peace, brother.*

*Gary Morgan*

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**Morgan Gary** - September 25, 2021 at 07:16 PM

PC

“ We will miss his humour and gentle kindness. We was a wonderful addition to our family.

Paul Cherry - September 25, 2021 at 08:31 AM

SD

“ My condolences Julia on the loss of your father. I only met your dad a couple of times but feel I got to know about him through your stories and the times you shared. He was able to live on his own terms to the end of his life, with your help; that's a great gift 💕💕



Sheila D - September 24, 2021 at 10:30 PM

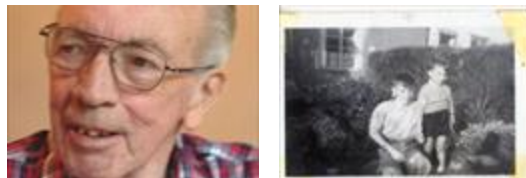
PS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gwyn for many years at Honeywell in Toronto, he was as described, kind, quiet, hard worker, smart and respectful. He will be missed!!

Prentice Smith - September 24, 2021 at 03:56 PM

JM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Julia Morgan - September 24, 2021 at 01:02 PM

JM

*Whew, he was all of the complimentary things mentioned here, but I think the one description from Prentice captures hm perfectly: RESPECTFUL! He was all of that and more. A true loss.*  
*Joanna Macgillivray*

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**Joanna Macgillivray** - September 25, 2021 at 07:25 PM

HL

*I had the good fortune of working with Gwyn at Honeywell in the 80's. Although I haven't seen him for over 30 years I remember him as kind, knowledgeable and someone I could trust. I am sorry for your loss. Take comfort in your good memories of Gwyn. His legacy will live on through all of you.*

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**Howard Litman** - September 26, 2021 at 11:46 AM