

Gerald Randall Bio

Gerald was born July 19, 1931 in Wolcott (Kansas City), Kansas and grew up on a farm. He attended grade school and high school in Kansas City, Kansas.

Gerald had a daughter Robin and he always put family first.

On June 22, 1949 Gerald was hired by Trans World Airlines as a Fleet Service Helper, one year later he was promoted to Mechanic Helper.

Shortly after he began his career with Trans World Airlines, Gerald was drafted into the Army and served his Country in the Korean War. At the conclusion of his service to his country he returned to work at Trans World Airlines.

In 1955 Gerald bid for a Mechanic position and was accepted. As a mechanic Gerald was in the Engine Overhaul shop and was elected union steward in the Engine shop in 1976. He became very active in the Machinists Political effort and that lead to his involvement in Local and National Politics.

Gerald served as President of the Missouri State Council of Machinists

Gerald served as President of the Kansas City Labor Council.

Gerald also served on the Clay County Missouri Election Board.

Gerald was a member of the IAMAW Local 1650 MNPL Committee and later became Chairman of that Committee until his retirement on July 1, 1992. After his retirement Gerald continued to serve his union, becoming Chairman of the IAMAW District 142 Legislative Committee and the Recording Secretary of the Local 1650 Retiree Club.

Gerald was held in highest regard by his fellow IAM Members and by the TWA Management.

Gerald was that person that if he thought you were wrong he would speak up and say hold on right there and proceed to educate you.

Gerald was that person if the Local or the International Union wanted to make contact with a Senator or Congressman, or send a busload of members to Jefferson City to support an issued they would call him as he would always get the job done.

With Gerald, what you saw, is what you got, a very straight shooter who was trusted by most, if not all of our Legislators.

Gerald liked to go to the shopping mall and walk. He would meet fellow retirees and start a political argument and then walk away. You would always see him with his radio headphones on listening to the Royals, Chiefs or K-State sporting events.

With Gerald as your friend you knew he would always be there for you.

Gerald had the ability as a politician to know when to talk and when to walk, it served him well.