



## When God Made Truck Drivers

When the Lord was creating Truck Drivers, he was into his sixth day of overtime when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?"

"A truck driver has to be able to drive 10-12 hours per day, through any kind of weather, on any type of road. It must know the highway traffic laws of 48 states and 10 provinces. It has to be ready and able to unload 40,000 lbs of cargo after driving all night, and sleep in areas of cities and towns that the police refuse to patrol. It has to be able to live in a truck 24 hours and 7 days a week for weeks on end, provide assistance to it's fellow travelers, meet just-in-time schedules, and still maintain an even and controlled composure when all around appear to have gone mad. It has to be in top physical condition at all times, running on black coffee and half-eaten meals. It has to have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way." "It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes a driver has to have." "That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded.

"One pair that sees the herd of deer in the thickets 3 miles away. Another pair here in the side of it's head for the blind spots that motorists love to hide in; and another pair of eyes here in front that can look reassuringly at the bleeding victim of the drunk driver that crashed into it's ICC bumper doing 70MPH and say, 'You'll be all right,' when he knows it isn't so."

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve, "rest and work on this tomorrow". "I can't," said the Lord, "I already have a model that can drive 650 miles a day, without incident and can raise a family of five without ever seeing them, on 30 cents a mile." The angel slowly circled the model of the truck driver. "Can it think?" she asked.

"You bet!" said the Lord. "It can tell you the elements of every HAZMAT load invented; recite the Federal Motor Carrier Regulations in its sleep; deliver, pickup, be a father or mother, offer timely advice to strangers, search for missing children, defend women's and children's rights, get 8 hours of good rest on the street and raise a family of Law respecting citizens, without ever going home ... and still it keeps its sense of humor. This driver also has phenomenal personal control. It can deal with delivery and pickup areas from Hell, coax a lumper to actually work for his money, comfort an accident victim's family, and then read in the daily paper how truck drivers are nothing more than vicious killers on wheels who have no respect for the rights of others while using the nations highways."

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek of the driver. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model." "That's not a leak," said the lord, "it's a tear." "What's the tear for?" asked the angel. "It's for bottled-up emotions, for fallen comrades, for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the flag, for justice, for the family without its father."

"You're a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber, "I didn't put it there."

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# Gayle Mills

September 17, 1949 ~ December 10, 2015





# Gayle Lynn Mills

age 66, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2015, after a hard fought battle with cancer. Gayle was born in Garden City, Ks, he is the son of Everett and Marena Mills. Gayle graduated Sublette High School, class of 1968. In 1969, he married Debbie Huitt and together they had a beautiful daughter, Amy Lynn Mills. On August 4th, 1987, Gayle married Brenda Mings.

Survivors include his devoted and caring wife of 28 years, Brenda (Mings) Mills of Englewood, Ks; daughter, Amy (Mills) Thiessen and husband Brad of Inman, Ks; grandsons, Blaine Thiessen and Brenton Theissen; sister, Karen Messerly of Sublette, Ks; brother, Dale Mills and wife Beth of Corpus Christi, Tx.

Gayle is preceded in death by his parents, Everett Silas Mills and Rosalee Marena (Hendershot) Mills; brother-in-law, Robert Messerly; nephew, Joshua Riley.

Gayle has donated his body to the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He will be buried at Haskell County Cemetery at a later date.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 20, 2015, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Weeks Family Funeral Home & Crematory, 1547 Road 190, Sublette, Ks, 67877.

Memorial contributions are suggested to "WEPAC Alliance" and to the "Gayle Mills Memorial Fund" in care of Weeks Family Funeral Home & Crematory, P.O. Box 1200, Sublette, Ks 67877. Condolences may be left online at [WeeksFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://WeeksFamilyFuneralHome.com)



## Order of Service

"Before You Say Amen"  
by Justin Trevino

Call to Worship & Prayer  
MUMC Pastor Kip Ryherd

"Blessings"  
by Laura Story

Obituary  
Travis Butler, Gayle's nephew

"Amazing grace"  
by Don Edwards

Scripture Reading  
Madison Riley, Gayle's niece

Memories in Picture  
created by Madison Riley, Gayle's niece

Family Reflection  
Read by Travis Butler, Gayle's nephew

"Great is thy Faithfulness"  
by Jordan Smith

Message  
MUMC Pastor Kip Ryherd

"I saw the Light"  
Ron Riley (brother-in-law), Ranae Riley (sister-in-law),  
and Rhonda McGuire (sister-in-law)

Benediction  
MUMC Pastor Kip Ryherd