



GARY BAUM

June 23, 1917 - November 1, 2006

Born in Dortmund, Germany, on June 23, 1917, into a family of successful bedding merchants, Gary Baum fled Nazi Germany with his brother, Bill, in 1933 to Kansas City, Mo. His parents and younger sister soon followed. He went to work for \$12.50 a week for Berkowitz Envelope Co., which later became Tension Envelope Corp. Mr. Baum served as a first lieutenant during the D-Day invasion in World War II, landing behind enemy lines in a glider and ultimately spending several months in a German prisoner of war camp, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. In 1950, as a vice president and general manager of Tension Envelope, he moved to Fort Worth and opened the manufacturing facility that is currently located at 5900 Tension Drive. He retired from Tension in 1982. ♂ He was a longstanding member of Beth-El Congregation and an active member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was particularly proud of his leadership efforts in honoring the Jewish Civil War Veterans of Fort Worth with a ceremony and cemetery markers at Emanuel Hebrew Rest Cemetery in November 2005. ♂ Survivors: Wife of 58 years, Dorothea; sons, Dennis Baum and his wife, Dixie, of Dallas and Kenny Baum and his wife, Donna, of Houston; daughter, Jane Baum Robbins and her husband, Jeff, of Denver, Colo.; grandchildren, David Baum and his wife, Sarah, Michael Baum, Jeremy Robbins, Daniel Robbins, Andy Baum and Lauren Baum; brother, Bill Baum of Kansas City, Mo.; and sister, Charlotte Baum Frank of Kansas City, Mo.

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“ I worked for Mr. Baum at Tension Envelope as his administrative assistant for about 3 years in the late 70's early 80's. Shortly after working there, I became pregnant. Out of all my employers, Mr. Baum by far was the meanest most harshest boss I have ever had. He never had a kind word to say to me, never a word of encouragement ever. While in an extremely physically abusive relationship at the time, I had to endure his wrath daily. I was 9 months pregnant and he demanded me to change his light bulb in his office. I had to stand on a chair. I did as he asked even knowing how dangerous and potentially harmful to my child it could have been. This was only one of many instances of how mean he was. I feel sorry for all the people who worked there after me. He may have been good to his family, but he was terrible to those employees he for some reason did not like, including me.

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