

**This statement to you, the members of the press, should be taken as the definitive statement from Rebecca Smith, fiancée of the late Gerard Tobin, who was murdered on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2007 on the M40 motorway in Warwickshire.**

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**Gerry was British by birth – being born in Macclesfield – but left for a new life in Canada at a very early age.**

**To those who knew him, Gerry stood out in the crowd as a true gentleman.**

**He was a rare breed of a man with the heart of a lion and a soul filled with compassion and self less ness.**

**Gerry was both a man of his word and a defender of principles. He was a hard-working and well respected Motorcycle Mechanic, who was not only loving and caring towards Rebecca, but also towards his family and friends.**

**This is borne out by the thousands of tributes that we have received from all around the world, from those whose lives he had touched.**

**Gerry was a thinking man, always ready, and able to offer guidance and support to others – a true inspiration to many people.**

**His charming personality and quick-witted humour always kept everyone smiling.**

**He lived for the people that were close to him. His membership of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club was a natural extension of his love and passion for motorcycles, motorcycling and those people that shared his passion.**

**He was Rebecca's soul-mate and she feels truly blessed to have spent five wonderful years of her life – the *best* five years of her life – with such a wonderful man. She will always miss him, as will his club, family and friends.**

**The nature of his untimely death – due to a callous and cowardly act of violence - from which it was *impossible* to defend himself – only accentuates further, the pain and suffering that we are all experiencing due to this terrible loss - a loss that has left a void in so many lives that can *never* be filled.**

**I would now respectfully ask you, the members of the press and media community, to respect our wishes for privacy, and to allow us to grieve in peace and without further interference.**

**Neither Rebecca, her family nor the Hells Angels motorcycle club will respond to requests for exclusive interviews on the subject of Gerry's death or any other related topic.**

**Thank you for your time. We have no further comment.**