
Harvey Gandler Architect

Harvey M. Gandler was a native and lifelong resident of Mobile. He was a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in Architecture and was the oldest practicing architect in Mobile having designed many commercial and residential projects including the Mitchell Center at the University of South Alabama. During his career, he met and worked with other architects and influenced many with his good nature. I did not know Harvey well, but I reached out to good friend of mine who I knew would have a few good words to say about him.



“He was a good guy.” I have told my wife on multiple occasions that I would be proud if this simple phrase were the epitaph carved on my tombstone.

Harvey Gandler was a good guy. I am sure he also was a great husband, father, and grandfather. I have heard that he was a pretty good tennis player. From personal experience, I can attest to the

fact that he was an excellent architect. But what I will always remember about Harvey is his ready smile and his affable demeanor. I don't think I ever saw the man in a bad mood.

Harvey and I had a lot in common. We shared the distinction of having spent the better part of our careers before the advent of CADD. We drew with pencils on paper, with hand lettering, working on drafting tables and using parallel bars. (Can you even buy parallel bars any more?). Harvey and I both attended Auburn University, graduating a few years apart.

I had retired and moved to Atlanta when I heard of Harvey's passing. I will miss him. He was a good guy.

- Louis Tooker

