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**FINE GAEL** 



Gay - aged 10



Gay chatting with his late brother, Jim

## GROWING UP

Gay Mitchell was born in Dublin in December, 1951. Gay's father, Peter, died when Gay was just five – leaving his mother to care for nine children on her own. She was just 47. In order to provide for her family, Eileen Mitchell went back to work, rising at 4am every morning to clean offices.

Despite hardship, Gay remembers: “We were told that we could do whatever we wanted to do, be whoever we wanted to be – all we had to do was work hard for it.”



On the campaign trail

## FORMATIVE YEARS

There was a great community spirit in Inchicore during Gay Mitchell's formative years. In his late teens he became a Youth Leader in the St. Vincent de Paul Council for youth clubs, and by his early 20s, he was elected President. “I saw the power people had to better their own lives and quality of life when they came together,” Gay explains.



Gay with his mother, Eileen, brother Jim and wife Norma - on his first day in Dáil Éireann



Gay and Norma on their wedding day



Gay, addressing a conference on health issues

## STARTING A FAMILY

While volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul, Gay met the woman who would become his wife, Norma. They married in 1981 and have four children together. Through over 30 years of marriage, Gay and Norma have been by each other's side. "She is truly my greatest supporter and my life is better for every day that she has been a part of it," he says.

## POLITICAL LIFE

In 1979, at the age of 27, Gay was elected to Dublin City Council. In 1981, he became a TD, and worked for 26 years to improve the lives of his constituents. In 2004 he was elected as a Member of the European Parliament and worked for 7 years to make connections in Europe and be an ambassador for Ireland.



Gay at the National Ploughing Championships



Meeting shoppers with John Bruton



**“I have known Gay Mitchell for over 30 years and I’ve witnessed first hand how he stood up for the working class when nobody else did. He is a man of integrity who never shies away from hard work. He has the experience Ireland needs in the *Áras*.”**

**An Taoiseach,  
Enda Kenny TD**

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