



James "Jim" Joseph Gill

August 18, 1931 - July 21, 2015

James J. Gill

RACINE-James Joseph Gill, 83, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2015. Jim was born in Platteville, WI on August 18, 1931, the son of the late Percy and Esther (Wiest) Gill. Jim was married to Virginia Karen (Gotsche) for 57 years, and they were longtime members of Calvary Memorial Church. Virginia (Karen) died in August of 2014

After graduating from Platteville High School in 1950, Jim joined the United States Air Force earning his pilot's wings as a non-commissioned officer. He flew night combat with the 13th Bombardment Squadron during the Korean War based out of Kunsan, South Korea.

In 1953, after completing his military service Jim began a long and successful career with J.I. Case Company in Racine.

Jim's family was the center of his life. He is survived by his three children, Susan Nanette (Gregg) Petersen of Osseo, WI, Grant James (fiancé, Rose Marie Bressan) Gill of New York City, and Gretchen Wiest (Scott) Hall of Long Grove, IL He is also mourned by his brother, Richard (Jill) Gill, grandchildren, Christa (Joe) Weber, Anna, Laura, Karl and Eric Petersen, James, Jonathan and Christopher Hall.

Jim's extended family stretched far wide and he will be missed by nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and respected colleagues.

Funeral service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. with visiting hours from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with

Pastor Nathan James officiating. Jim will be laid to rest in a private ceremony with full military honors at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove. In lieu of flowers, any memorial received will be donated to the National Parkinson's Foundation or those wishing to remember Jim in a special way may go to <http://www.parkinson.org>

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Mr. Gill for many years at Case IH. He was always very pleasant to everyone and was highly respected. He is one of the friends I truly missed when I retired in 1959. I am very sorry for your loss but know you will find comfort in your faith and in your wonderful memories.

Cleo Hollingsworth

Cleo Hollingsworth - July 29, 2015 at 05:40 PM

DS

“ The Chester Szymczak family offer our condolences .Great neighbors ,I especially remember the wild turkeys and the cucumber salads.Also Santa at Christmas.

Dan and Patty Szymczak

dan szymczak - July 27, 2015 at 11:37 AM

JG

“ Jeanne & Irv Gotsche are very sorry that we cannot be with you during this sad time.. We loved both Jim & Karen very much We will be with you in spirit May GOD be with you all.

Jeanne and Irv Gotsche - July 26, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Joseph Gill.



July 24, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Jim Gill's passing. I grew up across the street from the Gill's on Ohio St., and remember playing with Grant and his sisters sue and Gretchen. We'll keep you in our prayers. Arnie (Skip) Slaasted Jr. and family

Arnie Slaasted Jr. - July 24, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ Sending prayer and care to your families, at the loss of your Father, and recalling the comfort that he and Karen brought to me at the death of My Carl, They brought food, but more importantly, Christian care, and practical help with the many tasks and decisions following a sudden death, and truly lived their faith, by comforting those who mourn, in the years following. They remain friends of the highest caliber of excellence, and will be missed by me and many others. Mary Dirkse (Mrs. Carl)

Mary Dirkse - July 23, 2015 at 02:26 PM

RB

“ *I knew Jim for only a short period of time. I am so grateful that I did. He had a quiet wisdom and strength about him. He had a fierce devotion and love for his family. My deepest sympathies to Grant, Gretchen and Susan, all his Grandchildren, Uncle Dick and everyone who knew Jim. We are all better that he was in our life. He was an incredibly special man.*

Roe Bressan - July 23, 2015 at 01:14 PM