



John E. Gill, Sr.

July 1, 1923 - September 14, 2008

On September 14, 2008, John's mansion was ready and God called him Home. Born to Emma Selma and George Curry on July 1, 1923 in San Antonio TX. Many, including three sisters and three brothers loved John. He joined the Navy as an electrician Mate third class from 1942 – 1946, and then became a member of the construction battalion, known as the Navy Seabees. Building became his passion and his life. While on shore leave in Providence RI, he met the love of his life, Helen Mary Kurczap. This dashing young sailor wooed her back to Texas and they married November 2, 1946. He helped build homes, hotels, and the Tower of the Americas, but his most memorable accomplishment was building a loving family. His marriage to Helen of 55 years produced daughters, Jeannette Alan, Denice Gary, Kathleen Chris, Mary Mark, and Joyce, and son, John Jr. Mary Ann who now carries on his legacy of being a Union carpenter. He was President of the Carpenters Union, and the Disabled American Veterans, and attended annual Seabee reunions. He was blessed with grandchildren, Matthew, Kathryn, Lannette, Shelley, John Michael, James, Steven, Michael, Brian, Sarah, and Hannah. Great-grandchildren, Aiden, Bella, Evan, and Teagan.

Services

Visitation will be at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church in San Antonio, 6150 Roft Road, 78253 on Wednesday,

September 17, 2008 at 11:30 AM. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 17501 Nacogdoches, 78266.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Being pretty new to the family, I told James that I didnt really get to know Grandpa. James replied, "I still didnt really know my grandpa." What I did know of him was this... He accepted me into his family with open arms, and loved his great-grand childr*

Crystal & James Gill - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *To the Gill Family.*

I helped with the wording my father's Obit with two of my sisters, but when it was in print in the Newspaper I could not read it. It took me three different trys.

I learned of your fathers Death at my father's Rosary last

Charles L. Hughes Jr. - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Pop, I will miss kissing you on your scruffy cheek every night when you went to bed in our home. Being able to say a prayer over you every night gave me a sense of pride knowing that I made you feel comfortable in my home. You taught us well, and for tha*

Joyce - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Dear Cousins and familes,
So sorry we couldn't make it to be with you all at this very sad time. Uncle Johnny will be missed for sure. May each of you find comfort in memories of all your good times with him. Thinking of you fondly.
With deepest sympa*

Jim & Judie Gill - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ So very sorry about your loss. I know you will miss him. May you all have good memories to help you. With heartfelt sympathy,
Christina, Breanna, Jessica and Juliana Newcomb

Christina Newcomb - September 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. My prayers are with your family.

Sandy Tremaine - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To "Popa Gill " We will miss you sitting in the window knowing your watching over our house's Thanks for makeing me feel welcome to your family.

Dale & Sherry Sands - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dear Gills,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Love,
The Alfords

Patty Alford - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *My Dear Gill Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I wish there was something I could do or say to make you feel better right now... Just know you truly are in our prayers right now for comfort and peace in your hearts. You all are strong and faithful an*

Rosie Jackson - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *John & Mary, Jeanette, Denise, Mary, Cathy, and Joyce,
What a joy to have celebrated many occasions with you over the years. The cacaphony of the amazing Gill family with John overseeing all, with obvious pleasure watching over his brood! He will watc*

Cindy Carroll Holoway - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Dear John, Janette, Kathy, Mary, Joyce and all of your families,

Please accept our heart felt condolences on the loss of your father, and grandfather, Mr. John Gill. He and Helen have left a beautiful legacy in their family and you now are passing it*

Dominique and Maureen Orsini - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Dear Mary,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I know how hard it is to let go of our loved ones. Heavenly Father will be watching over your Dad now and embracing him in grace and love. Love, Treila*

Treila Whiting - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OW

“ *To the Family of John Gill,*

My sincere condolences for your great loss.

John was a good buddy on the job and off the job. I will miss him.

*In Jesus name,
Bro. Orville W. Wright*

Orville W. Wright - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.*

Donna Burnette and Family - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Dear Cousins,*

We were deeply saddened to hear the news of Uncle Johnny's death. He was a great man with a big heart who loved his family so much. May God be with each and every one of you to comfort you during this time of sorrow. We will all miss h

Doreen, Barry, & Ryan Gardner - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *John, Girls, and all:*

I'm sorry to hear of your Dad's passing - he'll go home to your Mom. Wishing you only the best at this time and always. Chuck

Chuck Toudouze - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dad, God gave us a mind, body, soul and a heart. It's the human side of us that enables us to love, laugh and cry. We're hurting dad, and our hearts are aching. With both you and mom gone now, there's a gaping hole in our hearts that will never heal.

Denice Hanz - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We are so sorry to read of Johnny's death. My father, Charlie Gunnels, was a long time friend and fellow union carpenter. I remember my dad telling "Johnny Gill" stories over the years with great delight. They were good friends for many, many years. M

Janette Gunnels Jackson - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Kathy, Chris & Gill Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your dad and mom are now together and will never be apart again.

*Love,
Mirabel & Kevin*

Kevin & Mirabel Bryant - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Mary & Mark,

My thoughts go out to you and your loved ones for the loss of your dad. Mark would often speak of the many accomplishments of your father and reflect on the full life he had led. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ help you and your fam

Keith Evans - September 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We will miss John on our street, neighbor and friend. Campton Farms just won't be the same without John smiling, waving and calling out to us from across the street in his chair from the garage. Many a time we would visit and share conversation.....John

The John Engle Family - September 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ John E. Gill, Sr.

Joseph and Marilyn Phillips - September 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dear Jeannette, Johnny, Denice, Kathy, Mary, and Joyce,

Our hearts are heavy, but we rejoice in knowing that Uncle Johnny is now with Jesus and Aunt Helen. We love all of you very much.

Toby, Sara, Preston, Wade, and Adam

Toby & Sara Hill & sons - September 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Denice,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

I wish the family wonderful memories and peaceful thoughts during such times of uncertainty and loss.

Richelle Carol - September 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM