



William Gifford

October 25, 1920 - July 4, 2005

William "Bill" Oakman Gifford died Monday, July 4, 2005 at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by his parents, W.H. & Emma Gifford, and sister Dorothy Simmons. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Frances Tindel Gifford, sister, Mildred E. Posey, son William David Gifford and wife Gail, daughter Janet Molak and husband Michael, and two grandchildren, William Maxwell and Sophia Molak and numerous nieces and nephews. He grew up in Brownwood Texas, and attended John Tarleton Military Academy and the University of Texas at Austin. After attending U.T. he moved to San Diego, Ca. and worked as a supervisor of inspectors for Hughes Tool Co. during World War II. He moved to San Antonio in 1947 and married Frances Tindel. Among his many successful business ventures, which included Voigt and Gifford Outdoor Advertising Co., a hardware store, motel, and a homebuilder. Later in life Bill was a successful commercial investor. He was an avid antique collector. His love of history, gardening, calligraphy, and politics brought Bill many years of enjoyment. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the San Antonio Humane Society or a charity of choice.

Services

Graveside services will be held on Thursday July 7, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at Mission Burial Park South. For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Mr. Gifford was one of the most interesting people I have ever meet. He was always cheery and it was not just hi we would talk everytime we would run into each other. As his tenant at the continental building I learned alot about business and people from*

David Cantu - July 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Dear Francis, David, & Janet:*

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families. I shall never forget "kind & friendly Mr. Gifford" across the street. We could not have had finer neighbors than the Giffords.

Mike Riggs - July 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Francis, David, and Gail, I have been thiniking about you all today and wish I could have been with you all to give Bill a great send off. Such a fine fellow he deserves a great goodbye, Much love, Ron*

Ron Walsh - July 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *We are deeply saddened to read of Bill's death. We have fond memories of him and deep sympathy for our good friend Frances.*

Bob and Sidney

Bob and Sidney Erlinger - July 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ Dear Gifford Family,
The San Antonio Calligraphy Guild sends their sincere sympathy to you in the loss of Bill. He was an active member for many years and I always enjoyed talking to him. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.
K

Kaye Yarbrough - July 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I wish to send my condolences to my long time friend William David, son of William Gifford Sr. and his family, as losing a dad is hard to bear. My heart goes out to you with prayer and heart felt affection.

Ms N. Martin - July 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Now I will have to share our stories with my kids, grandkids, & great-grand kids. They will not be bored. You will be remembered by the Oates family as the brother I never had. Jack James Oates

jack oates - July 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Bill was a dear friend, always had a smile and kind word. He had a great sense of humor and a wide range of interests and talents. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

Janet Murphy - July 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ The few times that I met and spoke with Bill over the years were special times. He was a sweet and gentle man who will be missed.

Lu Spears - July 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM