



Reginald S. Gill

December 18, 1932 - January 17, 2022

REGINALD SMITH GILL

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

We celebrate the life of our beloved father, loving grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. Reginald Smith Gill, 89, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 17, 2022, at the Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville, Michigan.

Reginald Smith Gill affectionately called “Reggie” by his family and friends was born on December 18, 1932, to the Christian lineage of the late Estelle Herndon nee Hughes and John Oscar Gill Sr. in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

“Reggie” was preceded in death by his mother, Estelle Herndon, his father, John Oscar Gill Sr., his step-father, James Allen Herndon, one brother, John “Oscar” Gill Jr.; his wife of 27 years, Barbara Gill-McGinnis, sister-in-law, Wilma Jean Gill-Rice, three nephews, Gregory, Kevin and Mark Gill; his niece and great-niece, Valerie and Lisa Gill and one great-nephew Steven Gill.

Reginald was formally educated in the Benton Harbor Area Schools and was

a proud graduate of the Benton Harbor High School "Class of 1950" of which he was ranked #24 in his graduating class. Upon graduation from high school, Reginald immediately joined the United States Navy and served for 3 years before returning home and working for the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. After a brief stint at home, Reginald re-enlisted and served for 17 more years becoming a 20-year proud Veteran of the United States Navy who was honorably discharged with the rank of Navy Chief E-8.

On February 18, 1957, Reginald was united in holy matrimony to the late Barbara Sharon McGinnis nee Lacy and to this union, four beautiful daughters, Toni Pamela, Regina Louise, Veronica and Linda Diana were born.

After retirement, "Reggie" was employed at the Bendix Corporation in St. Joseph, MI. At Bendix, he served as a Supervisor for seven years and years later decided to enroll at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, where he was listed on the "Dean's List" every semester he attended. Reginald was always very smart, intelligent, philosophical and had a quick wit and never had a problem sharing his knowledge with all who came in contact with him.

Reginald was proud of his service to his country and established many lifelong relationships across this country especially on the east coast with his military friends who became a part of his cherished extended family. "Reggie" was a proud member of the Benton Harbor Doris "Dorie" Miller American Legion Post 410 and served there with his fellow veterans in many capacities. He loved his "Post" family and they loved and respected him. He will forever be missed in their hearts.

There are many accomplishments Reginald achieved in his well lived life, but of all the accolades and accomplishments in his life, he was very proud of being a father to his children. "Daddy" as he was affectionately called by them was an adored and caring father. He always provided for them and it was very

important to him that they knew how to be safe in this world when they went out on their own and that they were always conscious of the importance of their reputations and names. In their eyes, he was the smartest, wisest and most witty man in this world. He loved his family and had a very special place in his heart for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His sense of humor, combined with a lack of tolerance for foolishness as he made you understand all aspects of life with a brush of his voice and a stroke of his words, will never be forgotten. Our “Daddy” was the coolest, most calm, suave and collected person ever and he will forever be an important missing piece of their lives. WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU “DADDY”.

Reginald leaves fond memories in the hearts of his four loving daughters, Toni Gill-Pearson of Benton Harbor, MI, Regina Gill-Cook of Lithonia, GA, Veronica Gill of Niles, MI, and Linda Gill-Robinson of Lithonia, GA; his two sons, Reinaldo Tripplett and his wife Marian of Benton Harbor, MI, and Larry Freeze and his wife Kelly of Ogden, UT; four beautiful nieces, Pamela Ann Chenevert, Sylvia Williams, Angela Gill and Donita Gill; two nephews, Paul Gill and Richard Morgan; a very special and dear friend, Adelle Taylor and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, his veteran brothers and sisters of the Doris “Dorie” Miller American Legion Post 410 and a host of extended family members and friends.

In life we have pleasures with our loved ones; we have sorrows and joys, but thank God for the memories that death cannot destroy

Services celebrating his life will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at the Union Memorial AME Church in Benton Township. The visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. until service time at 11:00 a.m. Mask are required to attend. Military Burial will take place on Thursday, at the Fort Custer National

Cemetery in Augusta, MI.

Please share messages or memories at www.florin.net

Final Arrangements have been entrusted to the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

Cemetery Details

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Rd
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Memorial AME
911 S. Crystal
Benton Harbor, MI

Service Celebrating His Life

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Memorial AME
911 S. Crystal
Benton Harbor, MI

Burial

JAN 27 (ET)

Fort Custer National Cemetery
15501 Dickman Rd
Augusta, MI 49012

Tribute Wall

NB

“ Nancy Baker lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill



Nancy baker - February 21, 2022 at 01:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reginald S. Gill.



January 28, 2022 at 02:41 PM

IG

“ Regina, Reinaldo, and the entire Gill family, you have my deepest condolences. May the memories of your dad be forever etched in your hearts 🙏 ~Iris Guidry



Iris Guidry - January 27, 2022 at 02:01 PM

TF

“ Toni (Gilbert) Fulton lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill



Toni (Gilbert) Fulton - January 27, 2022 at 01:06 PM

WJ

“ *Wanda Kaye Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill*



Wanda Kaye Jenkins - January 27, 2022 at 07:53 AM

PK

“ *Patricia A King-Williams lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill*



Patricia A King-Williams - January 26, 2022 at 02:33 PM

AJ

“ *Angelique Joseph-Burnside lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill*



Angelique Joseph-Burnside - January 25, 2022 at 11:59 PM

DS

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family Reinaldo.*

Debra Stigall - January 25, 2022 at 09:53 PM



“ Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Reginald S. Gill.



January 25, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ With heartfelt sympathy to the family of Reginald Gill. May memories of his love and works be embedded in your hearts forever. You have our love and prayers during this difficult time. God bless you. Thank you Reginald for serving our country.



Josephine Smith - January 25, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ The Joiner family is sending our love and hugs to the family. Mr.T we are sorry for your loss and we are praying 🙏🙏 for you and the family. May God comfort you and your family at this time of sorrow. Love you ❤️. Vickie Joiner-Hudson



Vickie Joiner-Hudson - January 24, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ Reinaldo (Mr. T), I am praying for you & your family...Love you ❤️



Melanie Swanigan-Marlow - January 24, 2022 at 01:45 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Reginald S. Gill.*



January 23, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the family of Reginald Gill. Reinaldo Triplett The BHHS Class of 1978 loves you!*



Patricia Taylor - January 23, 2022 at 03:08 PM



“ *Valerie DeFrance lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill*



Valerie DeFrance - January 23, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ *The Cummings and Terrell families sends our deepest condolences to your family. May the peace of God give comfort.*

Brenda Cummings Terrell - January 23, 2022 at 08:45 AM

JR

“ *Jeanette Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill*



Jeanette Reynolds - January 21, 2022 at 06:20 PM

RF

“ *RUBY BURTON & FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill*



RUBY BURTON & FAMILY - January 21, 2022 at 12:57 PM

RB

With heartfelt condolences , Reinaldo, Veronica and the rest of children my prayers are with you all at this moment. Be encourage for you are loved.

RUBY BURTON - January 21, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Reginald S. Gill.*



January 21, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ *Charles Smith lit a candle in memory of Reginald S. Gill* ”



Charles Smith - January 21, 2022 at 09:08 AM