



Edward Addison Gill

October 11, 1918 - July 31, 2018

Edward Addison Gill, of Salem, Missouri, passed away on July 31, 2018 in Bowling Green, Ohio surrounded by his family. Ed was born on his father's farm on October 11, 1918 in Dent County, Missouri. He was the only child of Charles Elliott Gill and Myrtle Hayes Gill.

Ed attended elementary school in Salem, Dent County, and Cape Girardeau, graduating from Salem High School in 1935. He attended the University of Missouri—Columbia and received a BS in Education. He majored in chemistry and minored in general science and math. Upon graduation, he accepted his first teaching assignment with the New Hope school at a salary of \$135/month. In 1941, he enlisted in the US Navy and received training at Penn State College for diesel engineering. In January, 1942, he was called to active duty. He was commissioned Ensign-USNR in May 1942. After several months of shore duty, he was assigned to a minesweeper (USS YMS 348) as an engineering officer. In 1943, his squadron was sent to Europe, and on D-Day, June 6, 1944, ships of his squadron led the assault on Utah Beach, clearing the mines for landing craft from staging areas to the beach. After returning to the States, he held several teaching assignments including one year as professor of N.S. &T. at the University of Pennsylvania until his discharge in 1946 as Lt. Sr. Grade.

After discharge, he was employed as a credit reporter by Dunn and Bradstreet. He then opened his first shoe store in partnership with Bud Thrower in Sullivan, Missouri . In 1950, he moved to Salem, Missouri and

continued his retail business. In 1951, the partnership was dissolved, and Ed and his wife, Eileen, continued to operate Gill's Store for over 42 years. After closing his business, Ed found retirement boring and went to work at JC Penney in Rolla. He worked there until he was 88 years old.

On February 10, 1948, Ed married Eileen Campbell. Ed and Eileen had four children: David, Gene, Marla, and Gregory. Ed and Eileen were long-time members of the Salem United Methodist Church serving in many capacities. Both were members of the Masonic Orders, and Ed was a 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. Ed and Eileen were charter members of the Dent County Historical Society. They enjoyed bridge, art, and music. Ed was an avid cyclist and participated in rides of up to 100 miles a day. His longest ride in one day was 120 miles. His last 100 mile ride occurred when he was 74 years old. Ed helped mark the "Trail of Tears" across Dent County and helped publish several volumes of the Ozark Heritage. He helped establish the Dent County Museum and the Bonebrake Center. He was also instrumental in establishing the ABC Cemetery Trust Fund which serves over 100 cemeteries.

Ed is survived by his children, Gene (Linda) Gill of Rolla, Marla (Fred) Schafer of Bowling Green, OH, and Greg (Roxann) Gill of Moscow Mills, MO. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Carol Gill of Salem, and grandchildren, Mary Ellen Arts, Julie Land, Rebecca, Caitlin, and Luke Gill, Jon and Jeff Schafer, and Brittan Schafer Maisch, Haley and Jodi Gill and Eddie Wofford and Lynn Winters. Great-grandchildren Amanda, Rachel, Julia, Jordan, Hunter, Gabrielle, Noah, Alyssa, Evan, Addison, Rowan, Harrison, and Macey, Eli, Ethan, Savannah, Eric, Brandon, and Jordan. Great-great grandchildren include Jonathan, Weston, Waylon, Naomi, Sawyer, Parker, Preston, Jackson and Brylee. Sister-in-law Ruth Campbell of Labadie, MO. Nieces, nephews, cousins. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Eileen, and his son, David.

Funeral services for Edward Addison Gill will be held Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Barry

Baugh officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 5:00PM - 7:00PM at the Chapel. Interment will be held in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Central Missouri Honor Flight and/or the Salem United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
103 West Center
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Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Addison Gill*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Edward Addison Gill*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I worked with Ed for several years at JC penney. For a short period of time we even car pooled together when my car broke down. He was absolutely delightful to be around. I feel very privileged to of been able to hear his stories, and got to know him quite well. Many great memories. My condolences go out to the family and friends, he was so kind hearted and always had a smile on his face. You will be missed dearly, Ed.*
Kristy Richmond-Guiles

Kristy Richmond-Guiles - August 15, 2018 at 05:33 PM



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john - August 08, 2018 at 06:59 PM

GP

“ Although I don't know Ed or his family personally, I remember that my Aunt, Blanche Bowman, had a baby clothing store in Salem in the 60's so she and Ed were "competitors" of sorts. Soon after my Aunt closed her business, her house burned to the ground. Ed stepped up and offered her employment since he knew they would have many expenses rebuilding their home. I am grateful for his kindness to my Aunt and Uncle. My sincere condolences to the family. Grace (Bowman) Paddock

Grace Paddock - August 06, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Edward Addison Gill.



August 06, 2018 at 04:59 PM

MW

“ Ed gave me the first step on my long career in retail! We opened the basement of Gill's as a Levi shop in the early 70s with clay pipes as fixtures. I thought it was the coolest thing ever. Ed was a special man. Old downtown merchants like Ed who were community fixtures just don't exist anymore. I'll remember him fondly as will many others

Mark White - August 06, 2018 at 12:30 PM

MO

“ My dad always said that Ed Gill would live a long life because he was an avid bike rider. And he did. He will be remembered well

Marsha Hart Odom - August 04, 2018 at 10:16 PM

NN

“ My condolences and prayers are sent for Gene, Marla, Greg and the rest of the family. Ed was a very interesting man. I knew him from my early years on. He was always welcoming and kind to me. I will not be able to attend either day since I am still working but know that my thoughts will be with you.

Nancy Nelson-Stickels - August 04, 2018 at 06:55 PM

GD

“ Gone are the good ole days of the downtown merchant everyone knew. Ed and his staff offered personal, caring service which is also becoming a thing of the past. He even let Marla hold slumber parties in his store and we use to pose as mannequins in the front windows. Only in a small town during the 60s-70s could you have such fun. Thanks, Ed, for the memories! My heartfelt sympathy to your family, Gail Bass Derscheid

Gail Bass Derscheid - August 03, 2018 at 04:49 PM

BL

“ Ed was so kind and helpful to all of us involved in genealogy; he made such a difference. I met with him several times in the past 40 years, discussing family connections and his research, and he helped me with mine. He always was there with an anecdote about the research I was trying to follow. I always held him in the greatest respect, and knew him as a caring family member although we are rather distant cousins. I pray that his family is comforted as they adjust to life without this wonderful man. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Barbara Clark Liedtke - August 03, 2018 at 03:31 PM

RC

“ Gill's store was a favorite place to shop during my growing-up years in the 60s. Ed Gill and employees were actually friendly and welcomed the teenagers. Thoughts and prayers for the family during this time of loss. Fondly, RuthEllen Campbell

RuthEllen Campbell - August 03, 2018 at 12:10 AM

MB

“ I remember the Gill clothing store growing up in Salem during the 50's. When our father, Glen Boyle, passed away we purchased the suit he was interred in with Ed's support and help. It's the end of an era and I wish to offer his family our sincerest condolences.
Margaret Boyle Buescher

Margaret Boyle Buescher - August 02, 2018 at 08:49 PM