



John Gill Jr.

March 3, 1927 - September 21, 2012

John T. Gill, 85 of Oak Lawn passed away Friday, September 21 at his home. John was born on March 3, 1927 in Chicago, IL the son of John and Myrtle Gill nee Parker. He is survived by his children Diane (Janet Sutter) Messer of Sandwich, IL and Don (Chuck Searson) Gill of Glendale Heights, IL. Two grandchildren also survive him John (Emily) Messer and Michael Messer. He is preceded in death by his parents as well as his wife of more than 60 years, Ruth P. Gill. John had a great passion for big band era music and an extensive collection of live recorded music. John recorded many famous artists such as Duke Ellington, Harry James and other well known big bands of the 30's and 40's. He also loved to collect and catalog vintage 78 RPM records from the era. Mr. Gill and his wife owned and operated Gill Custom House, an audio and video business for over 50 years. Mr. Gill also served his country in the Navy as a member of the U.S. Navy Chorus. Visitation will be held Wednesday September 26 from 10-11 a.m. at Hack Funeral Home. Funeral services will also be conducted Wednesday September 26 at 11:00 a.m. at Hack Funeral Home. Burial will be in Skyline Memorial Park in Monee. Rev. Kim Haeren will officiate. Memorials may be directed To the First United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *A sad shock. I worked at Gill for several years in the early 80s and drove by the old store today. I thought it would be interesting to google the company and see what John has been up to. I can't believe he passed away less than a month ago.*

I learned a lot from him and Greg back in those days. Son of a gun, I had hoped to give him a call and say hi.

Diane, if you happen to read this I'm sorry for your loss.

Michael Coyle - October 02, 2019 at 07:10 PM

MG

“ *Diane and Donald,
I did try to make it to the service and the memorial park and I missed you at both spots. I will always cherish the memories of your dad and mom and the trips we made to orchestra hall and the recordings. Please email me or keep in touch on facebook. God bless always.*

Mary Beth

Mary Demchuk Gulley - October 02, 2019 at 07:10 PM

EO

“ *LONG TIME FRIEND OF JOHN AND RUTH. YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS. I DID SOME WORK FOR JOHN IN 1957, 1958, AND 1959. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE HELP HE GAVE ME WHEN I RECORDED OUR CHUCH CHOIR AT MIDNIGHT MASS. MUCH LOVE AND RESPECT TO A FINE MAN....."MAY GOD BLESS YOU JOHN."*

*ED AND DONNA OBERMAN
ST. JOHN, INDIANA*

ED AND DONNA OBERMAN - October 02, 2019 at 07:10 PM

BK

“ *An era has come to an end.
I worked for John 1957-59. I also helped him build out his first store
on 95th street in Chicago. I miss my visits to his store and his home
listening to the music he recorded. John used to introduce me as his
fourth employee.*

*My wife and I had gone out with John and Ruth many times. There
never will be another John Gill.*

John you are now with Ruth.

Bob and Madeline Kral

Bob & Madeline Kral - October 02, 2019 at 07:10 PM

GM

“ *We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts and
prayers are with the entire family.*

Greg & Lora Messer

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