



David Thomas Gill

September 4, 1961 - November 7, 2015

David Thomas Gill, 54, of Traverse City died Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Born on Monday, September 4, 1961 in Youngstown, OH, Dave was one of four children born to Harry and Dorothy (Johnson) Gill. He graduated from Conneaut High School and continued his education at Kent State University. He then enrolled at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City and earned a bachelor's degree in Marine Management.

Dave married the former Judy Zsako on Saturday, September 1, 1984 in Cleveland, Ohio and they were blessed with two children, Megan and Alex.

Dave owned and operated Rentals Unlimited on South Division. He was active in local politics, served as the legislative liaison for the American Rental Association of Michigan and was a voracious reader. Dave's warm and sincere soul always stood ready to help those in need. He had a one-liner and a Peanuts cartoon for nearly every situation.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughter Megan of Lansing, son Alex of Traverse City; his parents, Harry and Dorothy Gill of Houston, TX ; sister, Janet (Robert) Rogers of Houston, TX; brothers Roger (Connie) Gill and Gary (Trudy) Gill, all of Griffen, GA and numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and many friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 12 noon Wednesday, Nov. 11 at Christ the King Catholic Church, (3801 Shore Road) Acme with Father Ray Cotter presiding. Burial will be in Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Dave's favorite charity, Third Level Crisis Center c/o Child and Family Services, 3785 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684 or online at <http://www.thirdlevel.org/donate>

Cemetery

Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery

1720 Hannah Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

Events

NOV 11 **Funeral Mass** 12:00PM

Christ the King Catholic Church
3801 Shore Road, Williamsburg, MI, US,
49690

Comments



“ Dear Family of MY friend Dave Gill..

You do not know me...but I am Bruce De JONG...I HAD THE PLEASURE of meeting DAVE..at the fitness center...we trained together for almost 4 months...and grew close. I garnered so much strength and faith from him...and I will miss him dearly..please accept my dearest sympathy...and know that HE inspired me. Bruce De Jong

bruce dejong - December 01, 2015 at 11:46 AM



“ Dear Judy, Megan, and Alex - I was so sorry to hear of David's passing. He was so active in East Bay School. I remember his passion for saving our beautiful school when we eventually closed. You were both strong and caring parents in our learning community. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers and I hope you find peace in your memories of your husband and father. Take care always.
Linda Barker

Linda Barker - November 19, 2015 at 07:18 PM



“ Dear Judy, Meghan and Alex, We are sadden to hear of David's passing. Although I have lost touch with many of the Conneaut High School class of 1979, it doesn't surprise me that David was well admired and respected, as shown by the notes that I have read here. He was one of the guys who participated in High School. He knew everyone and everyone knew him, from the band members to the jocks, the "stage crew" to the office staff and even the upper-classmen and under-classmen. It was just his way. As an East Conneaut kid, I knew his father's car dealership. As a guy in the 1970's, I knew David's prized Vega, with the 5 speed that could burn rubber in every gear. Convoys to basketball games, with everyone on their CBs, bumper skiing in the winter, the public dock in the spring and countless other memories that probably shouldn't be brought up here. He was full of life and made those around him better. Not everyone has that gift. He will be missed.

Allen and Peggy Blood and family.

Allen Blood - November 16, 2015 at 02:33 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of your family's loss. I have fond memories of Alex in 4th grade. I just wanted you all to know that I am thinking of you.

Linda Egeler

Linda Egeler - November 12, 2015 at 07:56 PM



“ Dear Judy, Meghan and Alex, We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. David always loaning us a trailer no matter what the weather, and all your support for the Robotics team. Our community lost a very dear person. Our thoughts are with you. Warmest regards,
Cindy, Jake and Alex Anderson

Cindy Anderson - November 11, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ There are so many memories of David. We have been friends since the 8th grade. We would walk home, sort of, from the Jr. High together...he stopped at his dad's car dealership and I went on the rest of the short way to my home. We had a lot of good talks during those walks. There were the nights during HS when we would be on the CB radio, a bunch of us, talking and joking. I remember when he played tuba in the band. He was always upbeat and a gentleman. He had a great set of values and morals. That is what I appreciated most about him.
Over these last few years we would talk on the phone off an on...mostly about politics. We had some pretty good discussions.
He was always so proud of his wife and kids. I never heard a disparaging word out of him about anyone (other than some Democratic candidates). He had a big heart and cared about so much and so many. He was one of the best people to have as a friend. I am going to miss him so much. It is difficult to find people of his caliber with whom to be acquainted.

Nancy Dalrymple Adams - November 11, 2015 at 04:34 PM



“ To me Dave was always hospitality/ the place for all the family to meet. He had a good sense of humor, a love for honkytonk western music the father of my secret treasure: my niece and nephew. He was so much younger than me and a great sparing partner for thumping out our thoughts. Perhaps I knew you little but I knew you well. I sang Tia Maria for you last night



Claire Zsako de Redman - November 11, 2015 at 11:41 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear this. My thoughts are with you Judy, Megan, and Alex. Prayers for comfort and endurance as you go through this difficult time.

Andrea - November 11, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ I'm so very sorry for your loss, Judy, Megan and Alex. I went to school with Dave from 7th grade to graduation. Facebook allowed us to stay in contact with each other, sharing family stories. He was such a nice person, and a truly good man. I'm so very sorry.

Teresa Furches Cook



Teresa Cook - November 11, 2015 at 06:08 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Gill family.
From the time I first met Dave on the first floor of West Hall while attending GLMA to the last time I rented a tool many years later while living in TC, Dave was a true friend. His greetings were always positive and always included a humorous story or anecdote, we laughed!
His business acumen and community involvement was an inspiration, he was a born leader.
Peace be with his family as he will be deeply missed.



Erik Fabian - November 11, 2015 at 06:02 AM



“ The Gill Family,

Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.

Melody Lyn Gill Manning

Melody Lyn Manning - November 10, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ Dave you will be missed.
Sorry Judy, I'm too choked up to say more.
Bud and Nancy (The Cookie Lady) Stych

Bud Stych - November 10, 2015 at 07:41 PM



“ Judy, Meghan & Alex, we are so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. I cannot have thanked him enough for all he has done for the Robotics team and the little chat's we'd have about helping our youth, family, the weather and how to properly chain up a trailer. I'd always look for him and wave when I dropped by the store and he'd always find time to say hello. He will be sadly missed and we grieve with you.

Tony & Nicole McGinty

Tony McGinty - November 10, 2015 at 03:35 PM



“ I will always cherish the year 2009 when David and I reconnected on FB. He requested my friendship. I was shocked to see the request, but delighted.

I wrote: Is this the David Gill I use to spend summers with at the lake? Long time, hope all is well.

David wrote: I am guessing yes... If you're the Melody as in Melody, Candy, Bob etc....then I am you cousin.

I wrote: Bingo.... I am one of your older cousins. Hope life is good! What have you been up too?

Growing up, David was my little cousin. After reconnecting, I found him to be all grown up and a wonderful adult, who loved his family and life. Ever since that day, we have had a special cousin relationship. He would always make things feel so right, but most of all he would make a point to call me and make me laugh.

Sometimes, I can be such a blond or Lucy, that did not matter to David. One day I said, something blond, David's reply was, cuz do not knock blonds, I used to be one! Few hours later he sent me a picture of him wearing a baseball hat with a blond pony tail hanging from it. David, David, David

He never called me, without talking about the ice cream truck that came to my house after dinner. As, a child that was his greatest memory of visiting my family in Maryland. He adored ice cream!

I will miss his wisdom, laugh, calls/visits, Peanut postings, but most of all hearing him say, "Hi cuz ".

David, I will always cherish the time we had and you will always be in my heart. I will see you shine in the stars.

Love your cousin,
Melody

Melody Lyn Gill Manning - November 10, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ Uncle David's posts on Facebook always made me smile with his peanuts cartoons. Lately he was stepping all over his tongue with his love of books and he handled it so gracefully. It made me chuckle to watch the sibling debate that ensued! Thanks for that funny memory! Megan and Alex I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I pray you are able to remember the laughs, hugs, and great love he shared.

Much love, Will and Angela (Gill) Nelms and Reanna Bailey

Angela Nelms - November 10, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ My sincerest sympathies to the entire Gill family. I have many great memories of the Lake Road home. David will be missed. - Barbara Lemak Webster

Barbara Lemak Webster - November 10, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ My condolences to the Gill family on their loss. Since 1981 our first summer at the Academy, I had the good fortune to have Dave as my friend. No matter how much time passed between talking or having a beer at Alumni, we picked up where we left off, and laughs ensued. His quick wit, infectious laugh, and impish grin will be missed by all who new knew him, especially his friends. I know the Good Lord, called Dave home for a reason, but with all that's wrong in this world today, the loss of a good man like Dave will be sorely missed. My thoughts are with his family and my prayers are with him. Dave Kay

Dave Kay - November 10, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ I was an employee of Dave's for almost 4 years, which turned into a life long friend, even though we didn't see eye to eye on a few things (he went to the academy as a deckie and I went for the engineering, and he was a Cleveland Browns fan and I was a Pittsburgh Steelers fan) he was one of the greatest man I knew. He pushed me to finish school even when things got tough he was always there to help out when he could. I was invited to many holiday meals with his family and they all made me feel apart of their family. We would talk all the time about shipping when we could. He became a mentor to me. He was so proud of his daughter Meghan for who she had become, and would always keep me updated on what adventure Alex was doing next, and how much he loved Judy. Dave was such a fun loving guy and very genuine. He will be missed deeply by many people. My heart breaks for the Gill family. Dave will always be in my heart.



Chris Waugaman - November 09, 2015 at 06:23 PM



“ So sorry to hear about David and I feel for your family. He and my brother were partners in crime in their younger days. What is loved remains in the heart...
Beth (Laituri) Dixon



Beth Laituri Dixon - November 09, 2015 at 06:06 PM



“ To David's family and friends we are so sorry for your loss and the loss David means to all of us

Terry Gill - November 09, 2015 at 07:06 PM



“ Judy, Megan, and Alex,
I'm so sorry to read of your loss. My prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time.
Sincerely,
Carol Roehrich

Carol Roehrich - November 11, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ What a generous, loving, enthusiastic man and 'rental guy'! He was a joy to be around, always ready to help, to share, to volunteer, especially when it came to politics and government affairs! He loved his family so much, and told everyone how proud he was of Alex and Megan, how he loved Judy. God bless you all as you grieve. We grieve his loss as well and will hold you in our thoughts. There's a hole in this world today where Dave was once, but we know we'll see him again, and he'll have a story!

- Alysia Ryan and staff of the American Rental Association, Moline, IL

Alysia Ryan - November 09, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ When The Last Hand Comes Aboard

No more a Watch to stand, Old Sailor.
For you are drifting on an ebbing tide.
Eight Bells has rung. Dog Watch is done.
A new Berth waits you on the other side.

Your Ship is anchored in God's Harbour.
And though his sailors are of equal rank.
there'll be Shipmates on the deck to greet you.
And Pipe, as you ascend the Plank..

Her boilers with full head of steam.
Cargo stowed and Galley stored.
Just waiting to get underway.
When the last Hand comes aboard.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Dave RIP!
Alan and Kelly Kava



Alan Kava - November 09, 2015 at 07:44 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We send our deepest sympathy. Rick and Patty Barbour

Patricia and Richard Barbour - November 11, 2015 at 11:36 AM