



Gary Gene "Papa" Hill

September 19, 1942 - November 1, 2024

Gary Gene Hill, lovingly known as "Papa", 82 of Decatur, Al passed away after an extended illness at his home on Thursday, November 1, 2024.

Visitation will be on Thursday, November 7, from 4:00-6:00 at Beltline Church of Christ with the funeral service to follow at 6:00. There will be a private burial on Friday for the family at Moulton City Cemetery.

Gary was born in Decatur on September 19, 1942, to Eugene and Martha Royer Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Spencer Maurice Hill. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley Bedingfield Hill; his three children, Gary Todd (Tiffany, MD) Hill, Melissa (Greg) Hill Gann, and Julie (Tommy) Hill Cox; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Gary graduated from Lawrence County High School in 1960, where he played the trombone and was drum major his senior year. He graduated with a chemistry degree from The University of Alabama in 1965. Gary started working for Chemstrand/Monsanto/Solutia in 1965 until his retirement in 2000. He worked for Decatur City Schools for ten years. Gary met the love of his life, Shirley, in the summer of 1960 and were married in August 1963 at Beech Street Church of Christ. Gary loved the Lord and his church family at Beltline Church of Christ where he served as Song Leader, Youth Minister, Educational Director, Sunday School teacher, Deacon, and Elder.

Cemetery Details

Moulton City Cemetery

Moulton, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

Beltline Church of Christ
Beltline Road, S.W.
Decatur, AL 35601

Tribute Wall

EK

“ So sorry and sincere condolences to the family. Was not aware until today , 8 Dec.

Worked with and around Gary for 30 years plus or minus some intermittent job assignments but we sure made a lot of memories together with George Truitt ,Bruce Terry and myself. We always planned to get together and relive so many stories. Lots of good memories. I am sorry.

Ed Kirby - December 08, 2024 at 08:01 PM

KC

“ Shirley, I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing.
He seemed like a good man who loved you very much.

Kaye Clemons - November 09, 2024 at 10:58 AM

SJ

“ Stephanie Jiminez purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



Stephanie Jiminez - November 06, 2024 at 09:09 PM

CH

“ Carol Key, Rand, Missey & Jack Howell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



Carol Key, Rand, Missey & Jack Howell - November 06, 2024 at 03:29 PM

HF

“ Hilma Jones and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



Hilma Jones and Family - November 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM

SC

“ Shirley Chamberlain purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



Shirley Chamberlain - November 06, 2024 at 12:11 PM

TC

“ The Pitts (Colin, Martin, Norma, Cori) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.

The Pitts (Colin, Martin, Norma, Cori) - November 06, 2024 at 11:28 AM

TC

“ The Pitts (Colin, Martin, Norma, Cori) purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



The Pitts (Colin, Martin, Norma, Cori) - November 06, 2024 at 11:28 AM

VL

“ Gary set an example of a true Godly man. He was a joy to be around. His devotion to Shirley was very evident and they truly complimented each other. There will be a void at church without him but we can all rejoice in knowing where he is. Love and sympathy to his awesome, loving and caring family. ❤️ Vicki Linley and Family

Vicki Linley - November 05, 2024 at 05:38 PM

SA

“ Seton/Wellstone Administration planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.

Seton/Wellstone Administration - November 05, 2024 at 04:14 PM

SA

“ Seton/Wellstone Administration purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



Seton/Wellstone Administration - November 05, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



November 05, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.

November 05, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



November 05, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.

November 05, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



November 05, 2024 at 11:48 AM

KW

“ Kelly Ward and Terri Wensyel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary Gene "Papa" Hill.



Kelly Ward and Terri Wensyel - November 05, 2024 at 08:03 AM