



Larry Lester Gillian

August 5, 1936 - September 4, 2012

Larry Lester Gillian, age 76, a longtime resident of Newnan passed away on Sept. 5 2012 in Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. A native of Swainsboro, Georgia, he was born August 5, 1936; the son of the late Evan and Annie Beckworth Gillian. He was a United States Air Force Veteran and served a four year term of service in Europe during the Cold War era. After his military service, he attended and was a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a degree as an Industrial Engineer. Mr. Gillian retired after 30 years with Monsanto Chemical Company and its subsequent division, Solutia.

Larry developed the contract carpet business for Monsato and initiated the "DOC" awards that recognize outstanding accomplishments of interior design in the commercial carpet business. He was awarded the lifetime achievement award in 2001 for his work with designers. He was a longtime member of Central Baptist Church of Newnan and a vital member of The Chancel Choir. He also served three years on the board of deacons. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Robert Gillian and son-in-law Tim Abernathy.

Larry is survived by his wife of forty nine years, Judy Campbell Gillian. His daughters are Leah Brady and her husband Bill and Dana Andrews and her husband Chris. He cherished his grandchildren Hayes, Kaley, Gillian, Evelyn, Kelsey, Garth and Katie. Also surviving are his three brothers Jack, Kenneth,

and Raley. There is a large extended family of nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. The memorial service for Mr. Gillian will be on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary of Central Baptist Church in Newnan with Dr. Joel E. Richardson officiating. There will be a reception following that service in the church fellowship hall. The interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that memorial contributions may be made to Central Baptist Church P.O. Box 1221 Newnan, GA 30264 to benefit either the music ministry or the Boy Scout program. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Service

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Central Baptist Church
14 West Broad St.
Newnan, GA 30264

Visitation

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Tribute Wall

IO

“ *If you wrote an article about life we'd all reach enlightenment.*

IOXGemeSY - October 15, 2012 at 11:30 AM

SR

“ *Dana and Leah, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad passing. When I think of him I think about the Christmas program at Central and him singing "Oh Holy Night." He had such a beautiful voice! I'm praying for you both.*

Sue Owens Ragan - September 10, 2012 at 05:13 PM

JW

“ *Judy, Dana and Leah, we were out of town when we learned the news about Larry....Mike and I send our heartfelt sympathy in your loss...Larry was such a fine man and a gentleman....just know that Heaven's Choir is boasting a magnificent new voice into its fold...we will be thinking of all of you in the days to come. Judi and Mike Worth*

Judi Worth - September 09, 2012 at 07:58 PM

RC

“ *Dear Judy, Dana and Leah, That was the best memorial service I have ever attended. Larry will be missed! I love ya'll so much. Please stay in touch.*

Rebecca Crowfoot - September 08, 2012 at 07:11 PM

MJ

“ *Leah, Just want you to know I am thinking and praying for you and your family at this time of your Father's death. Margaret Jones*

Margaret G. Jones - September 07, 2012 at 10:14 PM

JP

“ You will be missed greatly. I myself feel you were a gentle man and a good friend to all who have had the pleasure of your acquaintance. God be with you and your family members.

Jim Perry - September 07, 2012 at 09:31 PM

JT

“ Judy, Dana and Leah: My love goes to you and your families. I am sorry I am unable to attend the memorial and share my love for Larry with you. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Love Jenny

Jenny Tour - September 07, 2012 at 08:35 PM

MV

“ Dana & Leah - I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. I just saw him a few months ago for the first time in years and he looked really good. I hope time will bring you some sense of peace and acceptance. Miriam

Miriam Veale - September 07, 2012 at 07:49 PM

SW

“ The Tomahawk Mountain Homeowners Association wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Larry Gillian. May God bless you with peace, comfort, and strength as you grieve over your loss in the days ahead.

Steve Wilson - September 07, 2012 at 05:38 PM

JG

“ Judy and family I was so sorry to learn of Larry's passing. I had the privilege of working with Larry at Monsanto/Solutia for over 15 years. He was an outstanding person in every way and made such a wonderful contribution to our business and to the lives of all he met. He has meant so much to me and all of the people that had the good fortune to come in contact with him. I have been truly blessed to be able to say that Larry was my friend and I am sure he is enjoying singing in the God's Heavenly Choir.

Jim & Anne Green - September 07, 2012 at 12:12 PM

BK

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of your loss, and extend our sincere condolences to the family. We are grateful for Larry's service to our country serving in the U.S.A.F. and to his community. As a Air Force and textile veteran, Larry and I shared similar views. Our prayer is God will comfort you in your time of sorrow, and the family remains in our thoughts and prayers.

Ben & Peggy Kinlaw - September 07, 2012 at 10:00 AM

LH

“ Leah, I know the pain you are feeling in the loss of your Father. Just remember that he is now NOT suffering and is in a joyful place where your family can be reunited. I will be unable to see you this weekend since I have responsibilities with my mother and grandmother. I will be praying for you and your family.. There are times when we must let God carry us. He will.

Lynette Harper - September 07, 2012 at 09:49 AM

RG

“ Judy, I remember Larry from the early days of church and playing golf together. He will surely be missed by all who knew him. Richard

Richard Glover - September 07, 2012 at 09:13 AM

EB

“ To all in the Gillian Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers for I know what's it's like to lose a loved one. My sister Maria and Larry are in Heaven singing praises and we will see them again one day. Love, The Lopez Family Andrew, Eileen, Adam, Brandon and CJ

Eileen Beckworth-Lopez - September 06, 2012 at 05:01 PM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We are on vacation and sad we will be unable to attend the service. Leah, I so enjoyed the short time I sang in the choir with your Dad. He was always nice and told me he wanted me to come back to sing. How sweet that was of him. I just lost my Dad about 5 weeks ago so my heart goes out to you all. Your friends in Christ, John and Susan Green

Susan & John Green - September 06, 2012 at 04:34 PM