



Norman William Gill

July 16, 1939 - March 12, 2018

Norman Gill, 78, passed away on March 12, 2018.

He was preceded into death by his parents, Norman and Elaine Gill; grandparents; aunt Margaret Gill and uncle Jack Gill.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; sister Bonnie Gill, and his dog Sombra.

Norman was Capitan of the Duluth Central Cross Country team who won Minnesota State Championship in 1956. Which lead to a passion of running for his whole adult life.

His other passion was hunting grouse and turkey.

After retiring as a research Chemist from Cargill and Tennat he became an avid reader.

His memorial Service will be on Friday at 11:00 AM at Hopkins Chapel, with visitation one hour before the service.

In leu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Golden Valley Humane Society (845 N Meadow Lane Golden Valley, MN 55422) or the Norman and Joan Gill Scholarship at UMD (SCSE Development Office, 140 Engineering

Building, 1303 Ordean Court, Duluth, MN 55812)

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Strobeck-Johnson Hopkins Chapel

1400 Mainstreet

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Chapel Service

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ Joan,

I am saddened to hear of Norm's passing. Norm and I began our lives of shared experiences beginning in Kindergarten at Emerson School in Duluth. Through the years since then, getting together on various occasions has always been something I looked forward to. I missed seeing him at our most recent Duluth Central High School class reunion last fall. I learned from Joan that his health was an issue that kept him from coming. There are/were several classmates that continued through the same schools in Duluth, from Emerson to Duluth Central. We even had a 50-year reunion commemorating our "graduation" from kindergarten. A highlight of that event was playing marbles again at Observation playground near Emerson school. I have many fond memories of our times together. Having friends like Norm and remembering them at times like this has caused me to reflect on our lives of shared experiences. My heart felt sympathy goes out to Joan and the rest of Norm's Family.

*Paul Wicklund
Wayzata, MN*

Paul Wicklund - March 22, 2018 at 02:20 PM

KE

“ Joanie,

Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. What a joker Norm was! He would make every North American Manx Association meeting much more fun than it had any right to be. We will miss him at our Conventions.

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Kelly & Bill McCarthy, Alexandria, Va

Kelly - March 20, 2018 at 05:14 PM

MV

“ *Our family is so sorry to hear of Norm's passing. He has been such a great neighbor to us for 28 years! We know how much he loved Joanie and Sombra. We will miss his wonderful stories from his trips up north and all of his hunting stories. Norm was such a wealth of history too. We will be praying for you Joanie and wish you comfort in this sad time. All of our best...Myron, Mary Vath family.*

Myron and Mary Vath - March 19, 2018 at 07:34 PM

FT

“ Wouldn't you like to hear the Moose story of how he got between the lake and Moose and had no choice but to go swimming, one more time? How about the time he got a T Shirt from Buddy's Bar in a small GA town. Maybe the times you had him call a customer because something went wrong with the floor and after the conversation the customer was madder at you than before. Maybe when your wife meets him for the first time and when we got to the restaurant they had lost his reservation. "DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?, IM NORM GILL &*^%\$)(*@@@(!!! Poor girl politely explained that she did not know who Norm Gill was and we would have to wait for a table like all the other people. Maybe one more Heineken at the Flying Tiger. Maybe just one more "For Christ Sake" Norm was a genuine, one of a kind, threw away the mold, finest person I have ever met. Damn I will miss him!

Francis Toole - March 19, 2018 at 04:06 PM

MF

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Norm's passing, and extend my sympathies to Joan and the family. Norm was always interested in reading my books, and reporting back to me his impressions. I shall miss his encouragement and his humor, and most of all, his friendship.

Michael Fedo

Michael Fedo - March 17, 2018 at 12:01 PM

HM

“ My deepest sympathies to you Joan and the rest of Norman's family. Norman was a wonderful friend and classmate. I always looked forward to seeing him at our reunions. You could count on him wearing his letter sweater! He will be greatly missed.

*Helen (Mazie) Mercado
West Sacramento, CA*

Helen Mercado - March 16, 2018 at 01:13 PM

BB

“ Norm and I have been good friends for over 60 years. We were team mates at Duluth Central and were members of Central's state championship cross country team in 1956. It was Norm who encouraged me to go out for cross country. When we were both in grad school at the U, I introduced Norm to his wife and life time companion, Joan. We remained close friends throughout life. Norm brought much intelligence, wit and a charming feistiness to our many conversations.

Kathy and I send Joan our deepest sympathies. Norm was one of a kind and we will miss him greatly.

*Bart and Kathy Bontems
Naples, FL*

Bart Bontems - March 15, 2018 at 08:22 AM

AN

“ My sincere condolences go to Norman's family for the loss of their dear loved one. I would like to share a Comforting thought from the bible found at Philippians 4:7 ; And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus.

Anastasia - March 14, 2018 at 09:27 PM