

From Holt & Holt Funeral Home:

Edward Foster Gill, 91, of Bulverde, TX, passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Memorial services will be held Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Holt & Holt Funeral Home in Boerne, with committal to follow at the Jones Cemetery in Kendalia.

Ed was born on September 7, 1933, in Victoria County, TX, to Burley Gill, Sr. and Mary Gill. When he was a young boy, his family lived on an Exxon oil field lease where there was a one-room school house. There Ed would sneak into the school room before he actually started school. Because of this exposure, he was able to skip two grades. He was an intelligent, serious student. He was industrious and delivered papers before school each morning. He graduated at the age of 16 and went to study at the University of Houston. He played baseball in college until he saw how much time engineering classes would take and dropped baseball to concentrate on studies toward his degree. He graduated from the University of Houston in 1957 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He met and married his first wife, Jeanene Penick, and they had three children together: Cathy Hopkins, Gena Scott, and Julie Gill.

On December 21, 1973, Ed married Sylvelyn Englert. They were married for 28 years until her passing on February 27, 2002. Sylvelyn had three children: Joe Englert, Jr, Michael Englert, and Sylvia Lyons. Her grandchildren are: Brian Englert, Scott Englert, Chris Englert, James Englert, Brandon Englert, Jamie Sustakoski, and Whitney Lyons-Brasier. Ed has continued to have relationships with Sylvelyn's family through the years. It was during this time that Ed was exposed to Mary Kay Cosmetics and the positive thinking reputation that the company possessed. This corporate culture carried over to Ed's work in the oil business.

After Sylvelyn's passing, Ed and Debra Smith reconnected as they had both lost their spouses. Ed and Debra married on March 19, 2004. Debra has two children: Matthew Smith (Kameron) and Tyler Smith (Jenny) and Debra's grandchildren are: Aiden Smith, Dashiell Smith, and Jasper Smith. Debra's step-grandchildren are: Daner McCullough and Madison Christensen. And, Debra's goddaughter, Sarah Carpenter of Poulsbo, WA, also claimed Ed as her godfather. Once Ed and Debra married, he moved to Nixa, MO, where she lived, and they lived there until they moved to Bulverde in 2017.

Ed had a 41-year work history in the oil business not including his college summer hire experiences. He continually advanced in his career from an Engineer Trainee to owning his own consulting business. He worked for Tidewater/Getty/Texaco Oil Company from 1957-1985 where he was well-respected as a petroleum professional. There he advanced from Engineer Trainee in Conroe, TX to District Manager of the Taft District in Bakersfield, CA. From there, he went to work for Bechtel Petroleum Operations, Inc. as a Deputy General Manager from 1985-1995. From 1995-1998 he was President of his own consulting company evaluating Elk Hills for Occidental Oil which resulted in Occidental purchasing Elk Hills.

During his work career he was a member of the school board in Duncan, OK in 1970. He was a Junior Achievement Advisor in 1972 in Midland, TX. In 1975, he served on the Society of Petroleum Engineers Board of Directors as Exhibit Co-Chairman for Regional Meetings and Chairman of Scholarship Committee. Also, in 1975, he gave oil-related speeches to the local Desk and Derrick and Lions Clubs. He was a member of the Board of Directors (elected vice president) of WESTEC, a non-profit petroleum industry training center located in Taft, CA.

Ed's primary hobbies included hunting, fishing, and golf. He hunted deer in his early years with family in Hockley, TX. He was written up in the newspaper for bagging a record-breaking deer. He also hunted with friends Glen Taylor and Dick Ellis in Duncan, OK. They trained their Brittany Spaniels and were out as often as possible hunting dove, quail, and fishing. Ed was also known as an excellent golfer. He would golf every weekend and participate in tournaments. Ed was known as Easy Ed. We are not sure if this nickname originated from his relaxed, easy golf swing or from his calm demeanor at work or both! In 1998, Ed moved to Kendalia, TX, to his 500-acre ranch. Here he was able to fulfill his long desire to live in the Texas Hill Country. He operated his ranch until 2004. After moving to Missouri, Ed was also

introduced to fly fishing by Debra's brother, which he really enjoyed. Ed was a big sports fan, especially of the Houston Astros and Dallas Cowboys. He was interested in politics. He loved America, took his right to vote seriously, and loved discussing politics with anyone and everyone.

Ed's life goal was to "leave the world a better place." He did that with his family, with his friends, in the churches he attended, and in his career in the oil industry. In just the last few years, he revised that goal to "bring people to the Kingdom." If you knew Ed well, you would know that he did not miss an opportunity to talk to people about Jesus. He was truly a disciple following, teaching, and leading people to Christ.

Ed is survived by his wife Debra Gill; his three children Cathy Hopkins (Jeff), Gena Scott (Rob) and Julie Gill; his four grandchildren, Elicia Conroy (Joseph), Kyle Berg, Ryan Berg (Ashley), and Kelsie Scott; and his three great grandchildren, Lillian Conroy, Daniel Foster Conroy, and Josephine Conroy. He is also survived by his niece Connie Schultz, nephew Bobby Jack Gill (Christine), and close cousin John Herbert Savell (Jean).

He will also be missed by special friends, Shannon Fanucchi of Bakersfield, CA, Trisha Taylor Forbes (Larry) of Purcell, OK, along with others too numerous to mention.

Ed was preceded in death by his first wife, Jeanene Williams; his wife, Sylvelyn Gill; his father Burley Gill, Sr; his mother Mary Gill; his sister Maryann Gill; and his brother Burley Gill, Jr.