



Ralph Thomas Gillette

April 24, 1932 - January 5, 2022

Ralph Thomas Gillette passed away on January 5, 2022, in his sleep at Select Rehabilitation Hospital, Denton, TX. Ralph was the loving husband to Carol Gillette and father of four boys: Terry, Brian, Kevin, and Thomas, Grandfather of ten, Great Grandfather of three, and brother-in-law to Donald Murray and his wife, Ann.

Ralph was born April 24, 1932, in Needles, California, to Frank and Margaret Gillette. He graduated from Barstow High School in 1940 and went on to play football at Chaffee Junior College. Ralph married Carol Sue Murray on February 2, 1956, beginning a wonderful journey sharing their lives. He graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Berkley and worked in the oil industry for most of his life. Ralph lived with his family in New York, Ohio, California, Colorado, and Texas making personal and professional relationships along the way. During the Korean War, he served in the Army and was a proud veteran.

Ralph's passion was golf and RC airplanes. He loved building, flying planes, and sharing his passion with his sons; teaching the boys how to build and fly. After retirement, Ralph and Carol volunteered at the High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force in Midland, Texas. He served as a Wing Commander and Colonel. They volunteered for many years and truly enjoyed helping at the Annual Air Show. As part of the West Texas Patriot Guard, he enjoyed greeting and giving welcome home speeches for the soldiers coming through the Midland Airport.

Ralph will be missed very much by his family and friends.

Please join us as we celebrate his life at a memorial gathering that will be held at American Heritage Cemetery Funeral Home, Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 10:30 am.

Tribute Wall

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“ We met Ralph, when we came to the USA, for our son Christopher’s wedding to his Granddaughter Samantha. I will always remember the kindness Ralph and Carol showed us, and the mischievous twinkle he had in his eyes. He was such a lovely man, but now he has been re-united with his lovely wife Carol, and I’m sure he will be sorely missed.

Gloria De Filippo - January 15, 2022 at 01:36 PM

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“ A great man, who lived to improve the lives around him. The lessons he taught will not be soon forgotten.

Chris Ormesher - January 15, 2022 at 12:21 PM



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David Cole - January 15, 2022 at 10:32 AM



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David Cole - January 15, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Ralph Thomas Gillette.*



January 14, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Thomas Gillette.*



January 13, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *Kerry, Brian S, Sheri, Richa, Ray & Evie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ralph Thomas Gillette.*



Kerry, Brian S, Sheri, Richa, Ray & Evie - January 13, 2022 at 02:04 PM