## In Memory Of Darell Gene Gill

May 15, 1942 - July 2, 2022



Darell Gene Gill, a long-time resident of Plano, Texas passed away July 2, 2022 at the age of 80. He had recently moved to Cibolo, Texas to be closer to his sister, Vickie Jackson. He was born on May 15, 1942 to Delbert Gill and Thelma Mae (Wheeler) Gill in Waco, Texas where he grew up. Darell was a graduate of the 1960 class of Waco High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from North Texas State University and also earned a master's degree from East Texas State University. For a time, Darell played semi-pro baseball for the Waco Missions. He later used his athletic talents to coach baseball and football to budding athletes in Plano ISD. In 1994, he earned a state football championship ring when the Plano Wildcats won the state title. The Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association awarded Darell as the first recipient of the Texas High School Assistant Coach of the year. In addition to coaching, Darell was a teacher for over 30 years.

Darell was a member of the Freemasons and a licensed pilot. He loved to fly and in 1985, the Plano *Daily Star-Courier* wrote an article about Darell teaching flight training to flying club students.

Darell was a very active member with FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and member of the Heights Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas. He was a loving father, brother, uncle and friend. Darell will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his sister, Janice Meadows of Griffin, Georgia, Vickie Jackson and husband, John of San Antonio, Texas, and Kathy Gill Foil of Brenham, Texas; brother, Travis Gill and wife, Pam of Victoria, Texas; nieces, Jennifer Nelson, Vanessa Presson, Amy Horn, and Kara Koen; and a host of other loving family and friends.

Darell was preceded in death by his daughter, Mandy Gill Gupta and parents, Thelma and Mozine Wood.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Turrentine-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas 75013. The service will also be live streamed at TJMfuneral.com on Darell's obituary page by

clicking on the following link: <a href="https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/darell-gene-gill">https://celebrationoflife.tv/blog/darell-gene-gill</a>. After the service, the recorded live stream will be available for viewing at the same link location.