



## John "Jack" F. Gill Jr.

September 10, 1941 - December 14, 2024

John "Jack" Francis Gill Jr., age 83, husband of Karen G. Gill of Oaks, Pennsylvania, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, he was the son of the late Mary (Simpronio) and John F. Gill Sr.

Jack enjoyed a successful 36 year career at Snap-On Tools Corporation where he retired as Vice President of North American Field Operations. Upon his retirement, Jack loved traveling to various destinations of interest with his wife Karen including regularly spending winters in Naples, Florida. He could also be found in attendance at the many games and events of his grandkids. The highlight of Jack's retirement was the time he spent enjoying the camaraderie and social life at RiverCrest Golf Club, and sometimes even the golf!

In addition to his wife of 59 years, Karen, he is also survived by his two sons, Darrin, husband of Lisa and Brian, husband of Patti, his four grandchildren, Kali, Mackenzie, Corey, Brenden, and his sisters Patty, Mary Jane, and Jean. He was preceded in death by his brother Bernie.

Friends and relatives are invited to an honorary luncheon at RiverCrest Golf Club on Monday, December 23 rd at 12pm. The Campbell Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. is overseeing arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org>

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *My sincerest apologies for my absence at the services and luncheon today, in honoring Jack. As a neighbor of Karen and Jack at Regency of Providence, I had the privilege of meeting and development of fine friendship with them over the years.*

*Jack was a very kind and gentle-man, who was extremely easy to speak to, generous in many respects and truly a great guy. We often spoke at the clubhouse or on his driveway about community events, sports and particularly his interest in attending our Phillies bus trips with Karen. He would come out to chat as we were setting up for our Veterans Day tributes at the gazebo next-door to his home.*

*I vividly recall, bumping into Jack in the stands, at his granddaughters lacrosse game at Downingtown. Our daughter, Molly, was on the Spring-Ford team. They lost convincingly!*

*A small example of Jack's generosity, whenever we attended the RAP Christmas banquet at RiverCrest, he would make it a point to stop by say hello and buy us a drink.*

*I have nothing but extremely fond memories of one of the best guys you'd ever wanna meet. God bless you, Jack. Ray Buckley.*

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**Ray Buckley** - December 23, 2024 at 05:42 PM

“ For my Uncle Jack

*I want to thank you for a lifetime of love, compassion, generosity and leadership in my life.*

*It isn't often that someone can tell "Dad Jokes" that are actually funny. Someone who offered advice and opinions only after watching and listening to what you were doing and saying. An Uncle, who out of the blue, would present you with something completely unexpected and it was always something great.*

*For my Uncle's friend's and family*

*There are so many memories and stories to share but, I have a way of saying too much to often; so, I'll try to keep it short. Below is a modest list of how Uncle Jack enriched my life and the love he put into it.*

*He gave me my first G.I. Joe*

*Offered me a choice, to use the fish to feed the dolphins at Sea World or eat them for lunch; he couldn't pay for both.*

*He and my Grandfather kidnapped me from the back yard to take me to my very first baseball game.*

*I was allowed to talk on his CB radio but, only if I promised not to embarrass him.*

*... and the list goes on .*

*Uncle Jack taught me how to play 52 Card Pick-Up (not funny).*

*He called me Billy Bloop.*

*At times he would take over the TV to watch high action programming ... golf (also, not funny).*

*The grand finale of my childhood memories was the night he told me how good Chinese mustard was on egg rolls (not funny at all).*

*But, a nephew has a way of getting his revenge quietly. I had him buy me a David Bowie album for Christmas and the look he received from the cashier must have been priceless (very funny).*

*My Uncle taught me how to play racquetball, deliver a proper sales pitch and how to control a bowl of M&Ms; all while wearing something that had "Snap-On Tools printed on it.*

*Again, there are so many memories, stories and great things my Uncle Jack contributed to my life. But, I'll conclude with the most valuable thing he gave me ... My Uncle was the greatest role model a boy and man could have. By example he taught me how to be a perfect husband, the greatest father, an incredible brother-in-law, stepson and business professional. His morals and ethics raised the bar and set the standard for all to follow. What more could a nephew want to grow up with.*

*However, of all of my Uncle's accomplishments, the two that stand out the most are, always have a good book to read and life revolves around ... golf.*

*To my Uncle Jack, I Love You.*

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**Bill Parkison** - December 22, 2024 at 08:30 PM

VB

“ I spent a lot of time in the Gill household as a teen. It was a beyond comfortable place for teenagers to hang out. Jack was sharp in the best possible way because he was also warm. He was the solid half of what us young people saw as the coolest mom and dad duo and real-life "power couple." My sincere condolences for the loss of this powerful heart. I know his spirit lives on in those he loved and cared for. With deepest sympathy, Vivian Buckley

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**Vivian Buckley** - December 20, 2024 at 05:59 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jack" F. Gill Jr..



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December 19, 2024 at 11:00 AM

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“ Jack was a good man. He always greeted me with a firm handshake and a genuine "How are you doing Frank? How's the family?" Jack was always willing to help whether it be in our fundraising activities or getting my boy's their first time infield race passes with the Snap-on group. Food under the tent, free t-shirts and hats, swag bag etc. My young boys were so excited and happy. They said Dad. This is awesome! We want to go to more races. I said this is not how dad usually goes to races. Lol

It has been a privilege and a pleasure getting to know Jack for what now over three decades? He always had a hearty greeting with a smile. Always positive energy coming from Jack. Also over these three plus decades of knowing Jack and getting to meet Karen, his wife and his two sons. Brian and Darrin. It took Brian a little bit to figure out if he wanted to associate with the crazy Colden family. It wasn't long after that we found out that Brian had a little crazy in him as well. Brian turned out to be a perfect addition to the family. We will all miss Jack's deep hearty laugh and ear-to-ear smile. While Jack is no longer in our physical world. He is in a better place now. But we all get to keep the memories with us. My sincerest prayers and condolences go out to the Gill family. Karen, Brian, Darrin, Patti, Lisa, Kali, Corey, Mackenzie and Brenden. You will miss your husband, father, father-in-law and Grandpa but after you shed some tears please follow it up with a happy thought or moment you shared with him. Rest in peace Jack. 🙏

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FrankColden - December 18, 2024 at 05:57 PM

MP

Jack was one of a kind. I enjoyed the many golf rounds with him as well as the frogs investment club venture. Mary and I always looked forward to the social gatherings in Naples Florida with he and Karen during the winter months. RIP my friend RIP

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Michael Polansky - December 18, 2024 at 08:26 PM

DS

*Jack was a good man. Very personable, caring and genuine. Our families have known each other for four decades. I went to school with Darrin & Brian. Jack always had a smile on his face when you saw him. He would ask how you and the family are doing. He wanted me to call him Jack and not Mr. Gill. It took a while for me to do so, as that wasn't how I was brought up. You will be missed Jack. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gill Family - Karen, Darrin, Lisa, Mackenzie, Brenden, Brian, Patti, Kali and Corey. RIP Jack.*

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**Dolores Sessler** - December 19, 2024 at 11:09 AM

AG

*We were heartbroken to hear of Jack's passing. We go back a long way in life with career (Snap-On -Tools) and as friends of the Gill family. Our most sincere condolences to Karen, Darrin, Brian, spouses and family.*

*Jean-Paul ( John ) & Anna Goguen*

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**Anna Girouard Goguen & Jean-Paul Goguen** - December 19, 2024 at 02:54 PM

RK

*I have so many great memories of my years working in the same office as Jack that I could never narrow it down to just one or two. So many fun times both in and outside of the office. I'm so grateful for having known him. I've shared with many people, some of the advice Jack gave me as a young father of two boys. He told me to always know who your kid's friends are, and I never forgot that. As true today as the day he said it and I believe my sons are better people from that, as are his sons. Thank you, Jack. RIP and thank you for all the great times we shared. God Bless!!*

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**Robert S Kwiatkowski** - December 19, 2024 at 04:38 PM