



John R. Gillis

August 4, 1928 - May 4, 2017

Toms River Township - John R. Gillis, age 88, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Hampton Ridge Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Toms River Township. Born in Bayonne to the late James A. and Minnie (Gregg) Gillis, John lived in Sussex County before moving to Toms River Township in 1996. He had served in the United States Army during the Korean War. John had retired from Alcatel-Lucent in Chester, New York as a laboratory technician 23 years ago. He was a 64 year member of the American Legion Post 213 in Wantage, a former member of the Colesville Fire Department and the Blue Ridge Beagle Club, and was one of the founding members of the Lucky Seven Gun Club of Wantage. John enjoyed spending his summer months camping and had a passion for building and racing race cars, which included stock cars and go carts. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene M. (Dennis) Gillis in 1997 and his two brothers, James Gillis in 1988 and George Gillis in 2004. John is survived by his nieces, Kathy Gillis-Ortiz and her husband Agustin ('gus) of Stafford, VA and Ann Gillis-Letterio and her husband Albert of Port Charlotte, Florida and his nephews, George Gillis and his wife Linda of Hamburg, James Gillis of St. Petersburg, Florida, and John Gillis of Wantage. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017 at Clove Cemetery in Wantage. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations may be made to American Legion Post 213, P.O. Box 447, Sussex, NJ 07461. Online

condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Clove Cemetery

Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Graveside Service

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“ We have many fond memories of "Cousin" John who was like a brother to our father/husband, Sam Henry. Sam and John and his brothers had many childhood adventures together and the stories continued to be told for many years! John was the brother he never had.

The Henry Family: Fran, Sandi, Kathy, Dan and Dawn

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“ John was a close family friend and I can remember as far back as 6 yrs old camping with John and Irene, Growing up with John was truly an experience that I will never forget. I was known as "Willy the whip" by John and he was a fantastic person, I always enjoyed spending time with him. I hate that I can not attend his funeral but he will always be remembered as a passionate, humble man who enjoyed life and was respected by all that knew him. I can say for the rest of my family that he will always be loved and missed.

*William and Jennifer Laird
Wendell NC*

William Laird - May 07, 2017 at 08:43 AM