



Michael Steven Gill

January 21, 1951 - March 9, 2026

Michael Steven Gill, 75, peacefully went to be with his Lord and Savior in the early morning of March 9, 2026 at his home in Jupiter, Florida, with his family present.

He was born on January 21, 1951, in Waco, Texas to Harvey Eugene and Martha Estelle(Peggy) Gill. He graduated from Appalachian State College in Boone, North Carolina. Michael was an avid fisherman and was even pictured once in Florida Sportsman magazine. He was half owner of the very popular Palm Beach Ice Cream with his long time college roommate, Jim Jones. They opened their business originally in Tequesta, Florida in 1985 and expanded to Jupiter in 2001. They were once written up in a 1990 Entrepreneur Magazine for pioneering the use of candy in their products. Over the years they acquired an impressive wholesale business too, in addition to selling at the stores, so that more than 50 restaurants throughout Palm Beach and Martin counties featured Palm Beach icecream. They retired in 2019. The stores remain open at present under new ownership and continues to be a favorite place in Jupiter and Tequesta residents.

His enjoyments, in addition to fishing, were playing golf, traveling, listening to anything by the Beatles, and cheering on his beloved Dallas Cowboys. He was a favorite and dearly loved "Unca/Unka Mike " he was also known as Capt Mike and Pirate Mike. He was a generous soul and had many very loyal

and good friends with whom he enjoyed spending lots of great times. He was a member of the Generation Christian Church.

Survivors include his two sisters; Cyndi(Bob) Sprunk, and Debbie Smalling. His sister-in-law, Chandell Gill. Also 9 nieces and nephews, 16 great nieces and nephews and one great great niece, and his beloved cats, Bonanza and Maybelline. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Gregory Gill, his nephew, Adam Gill, and his brother-in-law, Gary Smalling.

His memorial service be held on March 24 at 10:00 am in DuBois Park.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

DuBois Park
19075 Dubois Rd
Jupiter, FL 33477

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Mike, Thank you for your friendship and the memories. When our son Isaac moved to Florida, you shared your home and love. You treated him like a son, taught Isaac so much and encouraged him to be the best man he could be! Many times, you opened your door for us to stay and treated us like royalty. We had so many adventures with you, boat rides on Jupiter Inlet, ocean fishing on your boat, a trip through the Everglades, baseball at Roger Dean Stadium and numerous visits to historical park, just to mention a few. We remember the special Thanksgiving feast with five turkeys, Mike's collard greens, his gourmet turkey gravy and of course the best Palm Beach Ice Cream for dessert. Mike, you wined and dined us at some of the best Seafood Houses in South Florida! I am saddened as I wright this, Capt. Mike you are gone but NEVER FORGOTTEN. We know you are in Paradise with Jesus and we will be there with you soon.

Bill, Marian and Becky Cattau

Bill and Marian - March 22 at 01:00 PM

JH

“ Many happy memories watching "Mikey" making ice cream at PBIC in Tequesta! Rest in Peace dear friend 💙



June Hunter - March 15 at 03:50 PM

DR

“ To the family my deepest sympathies and prayers for all of you.
Darci Reinke

Darci Reinke - March 13 at 09:46 PM

BS

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers to Michael’s family. May he rest in peace. Betty Sprunk*

Betty Sprunk - March 13 at 09:38 PM

JJ

“ *Our hearts go out to Michael’s family. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God’s brightest light shine upon him.
Love, Jack and Jane*

Jack and Jane - March 13 at 11:59 AM

SS

My thoughts and prayers go out to Michael’s family. Michael was such a fun loving guy, we had many good laughs and times. Never a dull moment with Michael. He always put a smile on my on my face ! RIP my dear friend!

Suzanne Surgalski - March 19 at 04:15 PM