



## Robert Milton Gill

July 14, 1925 - August 20, 2011

Coal City- Robert M. (Bob) Gill, 86, of Coal City died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at Morris Hospital with family at his side. Bob was born July 14, 1925 on the Gill Family Farm in Greenfield Township, Grundy County, Illinois to Howard and Pearl (Kuder) Gill. He was raised and educated in Grundy and Will Counties. He married Helen L. Olson in April 1947. In October 1943 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II in the Fleet Marine Force, upon his discharge in April 1946 he went to work at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant in Elwood in the transportation supply department. Not long after his retirement in 1973, he and his wife, Helen moved to Oakland, Arkansas where they owned and operated a service station and convenience store and co-owned a supper club in Gainsville, Missouri. During his time in Arkansas he spent many days on Bull Shoals Lake fishing alongside his wife and with friends and enjoyed guiding visitors along the lake. He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge AF&AM #208 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Malcom J. Mayo Post # 5422. Survivors include his two sons and daughters-in-law, William (Bill) and Mary Gill of Coal City and Robert W. (Bob) and Amy Gill of Heyworth; grandchildren Ann Gill of Coal City, Bill and Alison Gill of Diamond, Robert Gill of DeKalb and Jacqueline Gill of Peotone; two great-grandsons, Hunter and Ryder Gill of Diamond; a sister, Carol Zang of Cullum; a sister-in-law Rosemary Gill of Buckingham; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Kenneth and Doris Olson of Wilmington and numerous nieces and nephews. Bob was

preceded in death by his wife in 1987, his parents, two brothers William and Bernard Gill and a sister, Betty Cotton. Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. Braidwood Chapel, Friday, August 26, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington with military honors. His great-nephew Caleb Smith will play taps. Pallbearers will be his nephews Brad Gill, Tom Olson and Mark Olson and friends Jim Kasher, Bob Davis and John Yanites. Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren and nephew, Brian Gill. Visitation will be Thursday, August 25, from 4-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name can be made to Grundy Community Volunteer Hospice or the American Cancer Society in honor of his late wife, Helen.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakwood Cemetery-Wilmington**

P.O. Box 775 700 Williams Street  
Located at the intersection of Williams and  
Oak Street  
Wilmington, IL 60481