



## Earl Craft Gill

January 24, 1928 - December 26, 2022

Earl Craft Gill, age 94, of London, Kentucky passed away on Monday, December 26, 2022.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 66 years, Beverly Williams Gill; two children, Rebecca Gill Morrison & husband Robert, Dr. Paula Kaye Gill, all of London, KY; one sister, Nancy Jean Etherton of Georgetown, KY; three grandchildren, Adam Nicholas Webb & wife Renea, William Miller Temple II, Winston Chandler Bengue; four great grandchildren, Cameren Alex Webb, Nicholas Ryan Webb, Elijah Earl Webb, Lyric Gracelin Ford; several nieces and nephews, plus a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Oscar Gill and Bessie Green Gill; and by five siblings, Louis Gill, Paulene Gregory, Lottie Smith, Beda Christian, Charleston Gill.

Earl was a gentleman of tremendous compassion and a devoted servant of God. At a young age, he joined the Merchant Marine and traveled the world, serving our country as a mariner during World War II, then he served again in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon returning from the war, he enrolled at the University of Cincinnati to study and became a pharmacist, which was his profession for more than sixty years until his retirement at the age of 92.

Earl was a man of tremendous faith who was involved in several church communities. He was respected and beloved as an elder emeritus of First Christian Church, where he had been a long-time leader, Sunday School teacher, and member of the choir. He was also involved in the London and Manchester Seventh-day Adventist Church and in the Faith Assembly Church of God in Middlesboro, KY. Throughout his life, he practiced his faith with absolute passion, and he did mission work through the Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship in Europe, Haiti, and Ecuador.

A family man, Earl was a wonderful father and very supportive of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, whom he loved beyond measure and in whom he held the utmost pride. Earl was a Boy Scout leader and active in many community clubs. He loved people, and his compassion and tender heart extended particularly to children and those less fortunate. Through his involvement with the Shriners and the local Shrine Club, he was a leader of the Shriners Hospital of Cincinnati on its Board of Governors, serving as the Donor Relations Director and Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Countless individuals will remember Earl as a man who had an impact on their life: a difference-maker who encouraged them to pursue their highest potential and whom he entreated to live a life devoted to the enthusiastic service of God and of their fellow man.

Funeral services for Earl will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at First Christian Church in London, Kentucky with Jonathan Carmack and Adam Webb officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 31, 2022 beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour also at the church. Earl and his family ask that in lieu of sending flowers, that you consider donating to the First Christian Church of London or to the Shriners

Hospital for Children in his memory. Honorary pallbearers include the following: Adam Webb, William Temple, Winston Bengé, Robert Morrison, Coleman Smith, Charles Cummins. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

The church will be livestreaming services. Those services can be found on the First Christian Church in London, Kentucky's Facebook page.

Click here for the church's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Church-of-London-136909917524>)

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church  
303 N. Main St.  
London, KY 40741

## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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London, KY 40741

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Paula, so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing, you are in my thoughts & prayers.

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**Jim Hubbard** - January 03, 2023 at 03:57 PM

SS

“ Uncle Earl was always so kind to me and would talk to me at family reunions where I didn't really know very many people but he always made me feel welcome. Every time I saw him, he had a smile on his face. You are going to be missed by so many!! To Aunt Beverly, Beckie, Paula and all of the family you are in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all and I'm sorry for your loss of such an amazing patriarch! ❤️ Shay Vesser Smith

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**Shay Smith** - January 01, 2023 at 06:17 PM

PK

“ Our friendship with Beverly and Earl spans 70 years, he was a class act, able to make whomever he was with feel special. He was a dear friend and we will miss him. He led an exemplary life and we will always cherish the memories of good times with him and Beverly. Heaven has gained a wonderful man, may he rest in eternal peace. Our deepest sympathy to Bev and family. Paul and Peggy Knapp

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**Peggy and Paul Knapp** - December 31, 2022 at 12:00 PM

The most important decision you can make in your life is accepting Jesus Christ as your savior.

“ My dear sweet "Uncle-y Earl"...I will miss your sweet smile and your love of family and the Lord SO much! You impacted so many in our family, and always in a good way. You were never afraid to witness for God and you "put your money where your mouth is" in helping other folks. I am proud to be your niece, and will always love that you loved MY kids just like your own. The best memory I have of you is when you took me up for my first plane ride with Bobby, and I remember the thrill of flying (just like you told me I would), even as I peeked through my fingers to look out the windows! I can still hear your laugh and see your all-encompassing smile. I love you and am so thankful you were a part of our family. God blessed me by knowing you and I will always thank Him for that. So much love to Auntie Beb, Beckie, Bob, Paula, Will, WInston, Adam and Renea and kids. Betsi & Danny

Betsi Vesser - December 29, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Earl Craft Gill.



December 29, 2022 at 04:11 PM

BH

“ Earl was the absolute epitome of class. A magnificent gentleman and I was honored to be his friend. The world is a little less bright but his light will live on in all of us who remember him so fondly. Sincerely Bruce House

Bruce House - December 29, 2022 at 12:42 PM

LS

*From Lloyd Schomburg: Earl Gill, loving and faithful husband to Beverly, both of whom have been our friends for over forty years. I remember my first introduction to Earl Gill. He was, at that time, the pharmacist of Memorial Hospital in Manchester, Kentucky, and I was part-time chaplain and pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It didn't take long to find out Earl was a man of many talents. He told me stories from childhood. Several times God spared his life miraculously. Earl had a contagious smile and chuckle. He was an inventor and entrepreneur. I can still hear him laugh as he told about how he crawled inside a concrete truck and had to dynamite the dried concrete. He told me about making burnable logs from compressed charcoal. One day he asked if he could give a Bible study on prophecy in the church. Of course, I was delighted. We occasionally met in a corner of the pharmacy and had prayer for family and friends. My fondest memories are singing in a barbershop quartet with Earl as we visited area churches and revivals in and around Manchester. What fun, to sing in the hospital hallway. Our crowning joy came with a professional recording of what we called ourselves "The Golden Chords". Earl had a keen memory of everyone and was a great Christian friend. He loved people, especially children. He will ever be remembered for that mustache and smile, and for being ever positive, hope-filled, and an encourager of all he met. May God's comforting presence bless all who mourn his loss. As the Revelator would say, speaking of the great resurrection morning when Jesus will return and awaken all who sleep in Christ, "Even so, Come Lord Jesus!"*

Lloyd & Sheila Schomburg - December 29, 2022 at 02:07 PM

DB

*“ I worked at Memorial Hospital in Manchester, and I remember how kind Earl was to everyone. We (Dora and I) fondly remember his kindness as he donated the remainder of the funds needed to install our Church sign at our Manchester SDA Church. We will always remember his kindness in moving this project to completion. Earl was one of the kindest and most caring persons at our hospital. Always friendly to everyone. We look forward to renewing friendship in the New Earth.*

David F Battin - December 29, 2022 at 09:40 AM

SB

“ *Beverly and family our hearts are broken. Sharron Barrett and Herman Holmes*

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**Sharron Barrett** - December 28, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Earl Craft Gill.*



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December 28, 2022 at 04:05 PM