



## Donald Stanley Gillis

November 15, 1921 - June 2, 2025

Donald Stanley (Stan) Gillis of Carmel, Indiana passed away on June 2, 2025. He was born on November 15, 1921 in Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada, the son of Joseph and Flora (McInnis) Gillis.

Stan dedicated his life to his family and modeled for them a deep foundation of faith and caring. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was interested in learning all his life. He lived in Michigan most of his life. Stan proudly served in the U. S. Army 84th Infantry Division during World War II in Europe. He graduated from Wayne State University and worked as an accountant for 40 years. Stan loved football, golf, singing, and especially the annual Gillis Picnic. He was active in his church as an usher, Catechist and served as Director of Religious Ed for many years.

He was predeceased by his wife of 39 years, Helen (Mulcrone). He is survived by his children: Kathleen Welch (Larry), William Gillis (Pamela), Ann Gillis (Timothy Gagnon); his grandchildren Corinne Gilchrist (Malcolm), Matthew Welch, Rebecca Sharaya (Joseph), Justin Gillis, Ryan Gillis (Nichole), Andrew Gillis (Eleia); Great-grandchildren Abi, Peighton, Colton, Alexa, Teagan, Hadley, Thomas, Isla, and Miriam. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the VA Home Based Primary Care Team and Paradigm Hospice who took such good care of him.

Visitation Thursday, June 19th 5-8 PM with 7 PM Prayer Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford

Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. In state Friday, June 20th from 10:30 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to the Mercy Education Project [www.mercyed.net](http://www.mercyed.net) 1450 Howard St. Detroit, MI 48216,

or the Merciful Help Center, 1045 W. 146th St. Carmel, IN 46032.

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# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. Ten Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenh.com

*Prayer Service 7 PM*

## Funeral Mass

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy  
8200 N. Wayne Road  
Westland, MI 48185

*In state 10:30 AM*

# Tribute Wall

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“ Steve and Corrine Freeman purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald Stanley Gillis.



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**Steve and Corrine Freeman** - June 19, 2025 at 07:45 AM

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“ After my father passed away when I was 9, I always felt fortunate to have such great uncles looking after me. Thank you Uncle Stan for always asking how I was, and for always listening to the answer.

*John Mulcrone Okemos MI*

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**John Mulcrone** - June 10, 2025 at 09:18 PM