



John Peter Gillis

March 2, 1931 - September 12, 2024

John Peter Gillis, age 93, of Crown Point, IN and formerly of Hammond, IN passed away on September 12, 2024. John was born in Hammond on March 2, 1931.

John is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Elizabeth (Betty) Jean Gillis (nee Boos); son, David John Gillis; father, Bernard Gillis; mother Florence Gillis; and brother, Rev. James Gillis, CSC.

John is survived by his son, James; daughters, Barbara (James) Davis and Mary (Tom) Barton; and grandchildren, Matthew Davis, Abigail Barton and Hannah Barton.

John was a 1949 Graduate of Bishop Noll High School. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he attended St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, IN.

Early on John was employed at Pullman Standard. He retired from Union Tank Car Company, East Chicago, IN, where he was a timekeeper and then for many years operated the mail room.

John had been a member of the Holy Name Society and was an usher at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Hammond, IN. Following his retirement, he and his wife, Betty, also volunteered for the Meals on Wheels Organization. John also enjoyed being a member of the choir at Our Lady of Consolation, Merrillville.

John was a beloved son, brother, husband, father and uncle. He spent his life devoted to his family and was a lifelong Notre Dame football fan.

John's life will be celebrated in a visitation on Thursday, September 19, 2024

from 4pm to 7pm, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A funeral mass will take place Friday, September 20, at 10:00am at Our Lady of Consolation, 8303 W. Taft Street, Merrillville, IN. Immediately following the service, John will be buried at St. John/St. Joseph Cemetery, Hammond. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at societyofstvincentdepauldistri.com

Cemetery Details

St. John-St. Joseph Cemetery

1547 167th St.
Hammond, IN 46320

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Consolation
8303 Taft St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

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“ John, you'll be missed. So often I looked out my front door to see you walking in your yard. I'll miss that and the number of conversations we had over the years.

We talked about your life, your family and fighting Irish football and about your brother James, the priest at Notre Dame, and the many football games the two of you attended. Father James was very good at getting game tickets.

But I especially remember the anecdote you related to me when Father James introduced you to Notre Dame President Theodore Hesburgh in the faculty cafeteria; "There's not much money in that is there?" We'll keep that explanation between us, John,

You were a good neighbor, and may God have mercy on your immortal soul.

Jim Cerajewski

James D Cerajewski - September 16, 2024 at 04:02 PM

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“ Bonnie and Jim and family purchased the Arrive i
n Style for the family of John Peter Gillis.



Bonnie and Jim and family - September 14, 2024 at 08:31 PM