



Robert "Sonny" Dennis Gay

December 11, 2019

Robert "Sonny" Dennis Gay, 84, a Portsmouth native, went to be with our Lord on December 11, 2019. He is preceded in heaven by his parents Robert J.H. and Grace E.H. Gay. He is the rock of his family. He served in the U.S. Army and retired Command Sergeant Major in the USAR. Sonny worked in the Department of the Navy 33 years. He loved outdoors, wildlife and playing with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years Sieglinde W. Gay, his sister Mera Hughes and her husband Hasbrook Hughes, his son Robert Allan Gay and his wife Iselda, his daughters Erica Gay Stein, Gina Angelika Taylor and her husband Tallman; 7 grandchildren: Jessica, Brittany, Allen, Zachary, Reyna, Amber, and Michael; and 6 great-grandchildren: Willow, Owen, Elijah, Tyler, Alexander and Niklaus.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to his favorite charity Wounded Warrior Project.

We all love you!

A graveside funeral service will be held Monday, December 16th at 10:30 am at Olive Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral

Home Sunday from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

1 CPL James Williams Ave.
Clifford Street and City Park Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Graveside Service

DEC **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Graveside - Olive Branch Cemetery
Clifford St. & City Park Ave. 2 CPL James Williams Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Tribute Wall

GT

“ It is still too hard to think that I will never be able to hear you say "Taylor, Gina" in the morning on my way to work. When I would call you and mom your phone would say that so you repeated it to me as your hello. I cant guide through life without you. I just am lost without you daddy. I know people say time heals but it seems to get worse everyday that you are not here for me to tell you I love you. You have always been there for all of us. Just a few things are driving me around at 3 am to deliver newspapers, fixing and driving Erica's VW Beetle to Richmond with not much of a floor board, going to the store to buy bananas for mom, taking Allan to his sports practices/games and teaching him to be a man of value like you. To the man with nerves of steal who taught all three of us how to drive. I love you always and forever daddy. I hope you know how much you mean to all of us and what impact you made on all of our lives.

Gina Taylor - December 23, 2019 at 12:16 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Robert "Sonny" Dennis Gay.



December 15, 2019 at 03:22 PM

LE

“ Mr. Gay was a good man and father and now u r an Angel ! U will be missed dearly , you were like family to me when i was younger u and Mrs. Gay was there for me .Will love and miss u!



Linda Evans - December 15, 2019 at 11:03 AM

HH

“ Sorry to read of Bob's passing. Hal has good memories of their years in the Army Reserves. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Sieglinde, and the family.

Hallah J. Hupman - December 15, 2019 at 10:44 AM

YR

“ The world lost a good man, loved by so many people. Your legacy lives in your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We may not have been connected by blood but I will always be your "third daughter".

Yana Ray - December 14, 2019 at 07:54 PM

ES

“ With all my heart I will always cherish the most loving Father a girl could have.
My Daddy, My World. I am so blessed to have been guided and protected by you. I have so many memories that fill me with joy. Our trip to Germany, Disney World, the beach where you held me in the water because I was scared to touch the bottom where the fish and crabs would swim. I could always count on you to get me home when I was lost on the road. I will forever miss the stories you would tell about your full life as a child and your time in the Army. I love you so much.
Your number one daughter
Erica

Erica Gay Stein - December 13, 2019 at 09:53 PM

KG

Erica, Gina and family. My prayers are with you. I have fond memories of your dad when Erica and I would go by the house and your mom would feed us. He was so nice and smiling and always willing to help. Love you. Kim Holland Golden

kim holland golden - December 15, 2019 at 12:41 PM