



Edward Gifford

August 29, 1926 - April 12, 2013

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Event.observe(window, 'load', googleTranslateElementInit);
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function googleTranslateElementInit() {  
  new google.translate.TranslateElement( {pageLanguage: 'en',  
    multilanguagePage: true}, 'google_translate_element');
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  if (navigator.userAgent && navigator.userAgent.match(/Firefox/)) {  
    // This is a terrible terrible hack, Google Translate blows away the sound on  
    Firefox.
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    // Calling reboot seems to bring it back.
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    soundManager.reboot();
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  }
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}
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Edward Lee Gifford, born August 29, 1926, Beavertown, Ohio (Kettering); died April 12, 2013. Preceded in death by father, Ernest, mother Agnes, sisters Margaret, Maribel, and Edna; brothers Clarence, Donald, and Lawrence. Survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Betty, and a son, James and wife, Connie; daughter, Catherine, and husband, Tim; grandchildren Daniel, Brandi (Brock), Tami (Joe), Jodee (Phil), Julie, Billy (Jessica), and Katie; great grandchildren Allyson, Caleb, Destiny, Addison, Maddox, Gavin, Carson, Kendra, Chrislyn, and Avery. He graduated from Parker Co-operative High School in 1945. Edward served with the 41st Division of the US Army in WWII in the Philippines and as part of the occupation forces in Hiro Japan. He worked as tool & die-maker at Frigidaire 1943 to 1960. Edward was the self-employed operator of Centerville 66 Service from 1960 to 1970; Centerville Marathon from 1970 to 1978; and Gifford's Automotive Service, Centerville, 1978 to 1991. Ed took great pleasure serving as a member of the Bellbrook First Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher, usher, and trustee. He was past president of the Centerville, Ohio, Optimists Club and Southwestern Ohio Gasoline Dealers Association and was a member of the American Legion. The community trusted him as an ASE-certified master mechanic. Friends may call at the Reis Legacy Center Meyer-Boehmer Chapel, 6661 Clio Road, Centerville, from 4 to 6pm on Monday, April 15. Funeral services will be held at 6pm officiated by James M. Gifford. Military honors will follow the funeral service. Burial committal service will be at the National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio, at 2pm, Wednesday, April 17, 2013. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the wonderful servants at Hospice of Dayton.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Dear Betty and Family,

On behalf of my colleagues at Hospice of Dayton, I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of having an opportunity to meet and to support/care for Ed. Although our time together was short, he taught--and reaffirmed--some valuable life lessons during my visits and phone calls. I will always remember him! Please take good care of one another during this difficult time and remember the joy of a life well lived. God bless you!

Pamela Tyler - Centerville, OH - caregiver - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Leave a condolence or a memory. Words can not express the sorrow of a passing love one. God has promised that those who call him by name are in his arms at their passing and no longer suffering, but in paradise.*

Mark & Pat Tompkins - Cedarville , OH - Friends - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *We want to send our sympathy to Jim and Connie and Jim's mom. Love, Mike and Terry*

Mike and Terry Reed - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Aunt Betty, Jimmy & Cathy,

I'm so sorry to read of Uncle Ed's passing. I'm sure he's up with mom and dad and Uncle Jack right now having fun playing cards.

My condolences.

Cindy & Al

Cindy Hall (Martin) - Dayton, OH - Niece - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Betty, Jimmy and Cathy,

Hansel and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to all you and the rest of the family. I have known you for many, many years and always thought of you as family. Uncle Eddie and Aunt Betty. That is the way I was taught to address you as. And as far as I'm concerned you will always be Uncle Eddie and Aunt Betty. You are loved more than you know. Uncle Eddie is now in the loving Arms of His Saviour, may he Rest in Peace.

*Our Love,
Hansel and Susan*

Susan (Focke) Alexander - Kettering, OH - Family friend - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM