



## Edward George Gilchrist

August 21, 1921 - September 3, 2006

Edward George Gilchrist, 85, passed away on August 30, 2006 at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. He was born on August 21, 1921 in Chicago, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth “Betty” Gilchrist in 1970; his parents, Anna and Alexander Gilchrist in 1983, and granddaughter, Carly Alexandra Gilchrist in 1990. Edward was a proud United States Veteran, enlisting in the Navy in 1942 and serving as a Boatswain’s Mate Second Class aboard the USS LCT #13, the USS LST #72, the USS LST #34, and the USS LST #674. While serving aboard the USS LST #34, he participated in the battle of the Gilbert Islands in late 1943 within a unit which was the original assault on the Tarawa Atoll. From there he joined in the invasion and occupation of the Kwajalein Atoll, and the invasion and occupation of Eniwetok, both in 1944. His last battle was that for Saipan Island in the Marianas, in which he volunteered to escort amphibious forces to battle. He was honorably discharged shortly after WWII came to an end, being awarded 5 battle stars and good conduct medals. In civilian life, Edward became a journeyman electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union, which he was a member of for 58 years. He had a zest for life, always making sure things were done right and with purpose. He loved to travel, enjoying taking cruises with his family and seeing the world. Edward is survived by his son, Alexander Anton Gilchrist, daughter-in-law Darla Baird Gilchrist, two granddaughters, Coty and Holly Gilchrist, and one great grandson, Alexander Dean Gilchrist, all from Montgomery. Much

appreciation is extended to the following for the care given to Edward in his last years; Hearthstone at Rivershire, Heritage at Tomball, Senior Residence at Conroe and to Darla Gilchrist for her always being there for Edward when needed. Pallbearers are John D. Herzog, Darrell Herzog, Mickey Hadash, Shane Baker, Lonnie Baird, and Duane Barrett. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to The Disabled American Veteran's National Fund, 6900 Almeda, Suite 1003, Houston, Texas 77030 marked in memory of Edward Gilchrist. Services will be held on Sunday, September 3rd at 2pm in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Montgomery, officiated by Brother Chuck Bryce. The Gilchrist family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday, September 2nd from 7-9pm. Interment with military honor guard is scheduled on Tuesday, September 5th at 10AM at Conroe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. You may leave condolences for the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward George Gilchrist*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Darla, Alex and Family:*

*I want you to know how very sorry I was to hear of Grandpa Ed's passing. Always hold fast to the great memories you had with him. He is in a much better place. If you need anything please feel free to call me. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this most difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Mary Brown and  
Family*

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**Mary Brown** - September 05, 2006 at 09:24 PM



“ *Alex, Darla and girls;*

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Alex's father. As we all know, losing a loved one is very difficult. May peace and fond memories surround you all during this tough time.*

*I think of you all very often.  
Sincerely,  
Lisa Reynolds*

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**Lisa Reynolds** - September 04, 2006 at 09:32 PM

EH

“ *My sister Sharon and I send our heartfelt condolences to Alex and his family during this time of grief. Know that you are in our prayers.*

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**Elizabeth Henthorn** - September 03, 2006 at 02:56 PM

DL

“ *Alex and Darla: Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

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**David Lapaglia** - September 03, 2006 at 11:21 AM

SB

“ *I want to express my condolences to his family for the death of Edward Gilchrist. I got to know Mr. Gilchrist when he was a resident of Hearthstone and The Heritage. My mother, Katherine Barger, lived at both places while he was there and counted him as a friend. He was always very nice & helpful to everyone, always a gentleman. He enjoyed seeing my little dog when I visited Mother and always asked where the dog was if I came in without him. He had a great interest in life and people. He was a good man and will be missed.*

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**Sam Barger** - September 01, 2006 at 10:58 AM



“ *Edward George Gilchrist*

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September 01, 2006 at 08:13 AM