

## Gaylord Willett

August 31, 1930 - March 19, 2019

Gaylord Thomas Willett was born on August 31, 1930, in Dearborn, MI. On March 19, 2019, Gaylord went to his Heavenly home to join his loving wife of 51 years, Betty Ann Willett.

Gaylord is survived by his son Jacque Willett and wife Patricia, and daughter Jeanne Willett Dunagan; his grandchildren, Preston Dunagan, Julia Dunagan, sister in law Doris Munroe, nephew Mark Monroe, special family friend Jo Keller, Michael & Erika Best, Nalah, Micah & Lukah Best, Tonja & Michael Watson & daughter Amellia Frazier.

During the 60's and 70's Gaylord founded Universal Pool Products, Inc., which designed and patented swimming pool equipment. Gaylord was known throughout the world for his business prowess and was revered by his business associates and family. Serving his country was important to him so he enlisted in the US Marine Corp, and was stationed in Camp Pendleton CA. After leaving the Corp. Gaylord continued his service by enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.

Gaylord had many interests; some of them were participating in the Walden Follies, Men's Coffee Group aka "Philosophical Society", attending and supporting arts and theatre (Creighton in Conroe, and Pasadena Actor Studio in California) and being on the Board for the Paul Anderson Youth Home for

Boys. Gaylord had a passion “big boy toys” and owned many fast boats and unique cars.

Gaylord had a strong and passionate love for the Lord Jesus Christ. He was an active member and volunteer at Walden Community Church for over 30 years and sang in the church choir every Sunday. On many occasions Gaylord gave the offertory prayer and his prayers were always meaningful and memorable.

A celebration of Gaylord’s life will be held at Walden Community Church on Saturday March 30, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor David Kenney officiating.

Gaylord will be missed as he loved so many people in his life, and was always the life of the party. The family requests that in lieu of flowers remembrances be made to Walden Community Church. You may leave written memorials at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **30**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Walden Community Church  
12400 Walden Road  
Montgomery, TX 77356

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gaylord Willett*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was very close to Gaylord. He sold his interest in the telephone building in Alpine California to Calvary chapel ministries. We had the privilege to have him as a house guest several times in Alpine California.*

*He and I made several trips south of the border to have his dental work done. He was/is serving the Lord now I'm sure.*

*The existence of Calvert Chapel in Alpine is partially due to Gaylord's love of Jesus Christ.*

*Please feel free to contact me in Round Hill Virginia to tell you of many sweet and loving memories of he and Betty.*

lee felice - November 07, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, my mom was a good friend of his. She was very upset to hear of his passing. We were unaware of his passing until today when we checked online. If someone can please get in touch with her that would be nice. Her name is Lois Perkiss, San Diego area. She has left messages on the home #  
Again so sorry for your loss, he was a great friend to Paul and Lois .*

Janice smith - April 30, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gaylord Willett.



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March 28, 2019 at 04:40 PM

“ Mr. Willett was an interesting individual. He always had some business idea or venture up his sleeve, dabbling in pools, real estate, cars, boats, a trade of some type. He was motivated by the "deal".

*Being a Family man, his wife, children and grandchildren were a priority. He was proud of his Family. I know that he has really missed his lovely wife, Betty Ann, since she has been in Heaven. Betty was Gaylord's biggest fan! She was beautiful inside and out. Those stilettos could never be filled, for he remained single and true to his heart.*

*One of the things that stood out to me as a teenager, was that when I visited the Willett home, the 700 Club, or some other TV Ministry program, was on the Television with Mr. Willett sitting on the front row, in his easy chair. He had it turned up so loud that he wanted to make sure everyone in the house would "hear the word". I knew then that he was a faithful Christian.*

*Mr. Willett would always make Jeanne vacuum the house before we could every go out. Making us do it over again, if he thought it was done in too much of a hurry. I think this was his way of making us "hit the pause button" in order to have us around for a bit longer before we were off to our "shenanigan outing".*

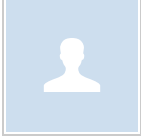
*There was the "daper" side of Mr. Willett. He enjoyed dressing up and playing the part, at Church serving the Lord, the Yacht Club for Family events, at Happy Hour with his buddies for cocktails and cigars or just having morning coffee with friends.*

*I know he will be deeply missed by his Family and Friends. Life as we know it will be forever changed without Gaylord Willett at the helm. But i cannot help to think that he is happy and whole. He is with Betty Ann and he is watching over us from Heaven above; rejoicing in the after life.*

*In our hearts, he will live forever, always, Jana*

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**Jana Hayes** - March 28, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaylord Willett.*



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March 26, 2019 at 10:44 AM