
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 14, at the Aulds Funeral Home in Shreveport with Joey Ketchum officiating. Mitch was cremated and his ashes will be spread out to sea at a later date.

Mitch was born Dec. 15, 1953, in Shreveport, La., the son of Charles and Ruby Gill. He attended school at Pioneer High School in Pioneer, La., and served one year in the United States Navy in 1974. He has lived in Shreveport, La., Houston, Texas, Las Vegas, Nev., and lately Grinnell. Mitch was a member of the United Church of Christ Congregational in Grinnell.

Mitch was a florist designer, having won various awards, and a natural pro at entertaining. Due to his entertaining, it's estimated that he has helped raise over a million dollars for charities. His quick wit and ability to entertain was a trait that came natural for him. He was not a stranger to anyone. Many IGRA rodeo associations wanted him to help raise money because he could get it done. Mitch enjoyed riding horses, creating floral designs, gardening and making crafts. He always had an idea or dream on his mind. Mitch got to fulfill a dream of his when he was able to open his own flower shop in Montezuma, in 2012. Even though it was short-term because of the condition of his health.

He is survived by his four sisters, Patricia Gill Stell and husband, Bill, Jr. of Shreveport La., Donna Kay Gill of Irving, Texas, Bobby Jean Hall and husband, Floyd, of Huffman, Texas, Judy Karen Gill of Houston, Texas; three brothers, Charles Roy Gill of Shreveport, La., Teddy Wayne Gill and wife, Nancy, of Grapevine, Texas, Jimmy Dean Gill and wife, Sharon, of West Monroe, La.; along with special nieces and nephew, Tonia Stell McNatt, Stephanie Gill Coleman, and Jason B. Stell. He had many friends from across the country with his entertaining and the IGRA rodeo circuit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ruby Gill; and sister in law, Patricia Sue.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.