



## George William (Billy) Gantt

January 1, 1932 - February 11, 2021

### George Gantt Obituary

George William (Billy) Gantt, age 88 of Tifton died Thursday February 11, 2021 at his home surrounded by family

Celebration of Life Services will be 11:00a.m. Saturday February 13, 2021 at The Reflection Chapel, Eulogies will be given by David Gantt and Bill Fuqua III.

George was born October 22, 1932 in Dothan Al. to the late Joseph "Rush" and Myra Patterson Gantt. After high-school he joined the United States Marine Corp and served 4 years. After his service he attended University of Auburn.

He joined the Georgia State Patrol as a Radio Operator at the Albany "Radio Post". He was promoted to trooper and transferred to the Tifton GA Post where he served for several years. He was promoted to Corporal again to the Albany Post and later became to Post Commander as Sergeant. He retired from the Georgia Department of Safety "Peace Officers Safety and Training Council" at the Rank of Lieutenant

He was a 32nd degree Mason of the SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY; a former member of the Tifton Masonic Lodge, currently a member of the

“Valley of Panama City” Panama City .Beach FL Lodge. He received his 50 year Certificate from “The GRAND Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida in January of 2017.

He was a member of the Shriners in Albany GA and Panama City FL, and was a member of the Children’s Transportation Team for several years and The American Legion

He served as Deacon at First Baptist Church of Putney Georgia.

He was currently a member of First Baptist Church of Chula Georgia.

He was very fond and loving of his pets through out his adult life.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Mangham Gantt, children, David Wayne Gantt of Fort Myers FL (Sandra),Paula Gantt Carter of Jennings FL

Denise Gantt Fuqua of Panama City Beach FL (Bill) ,Rhonda Gantt Boatwright of Lake Park Ga., Roger C Mangham of Wilsonville AL (Mandi), Ches D Mangham Sylvester GA (Linda), 16 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, one sister, Mary Alice Hughes and many nieces and nephews

He had a special relationship with Kellie Sheffield Barrett of Leesburg GA (Jeff), who was a friend of his children throughout his lifetime.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made to Hospice of Tift Area.

To send flowers  
to the family or plant a tree

in memory of George William (Billy) Gantt, please visit our floral store.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for George William (Billy) Gantt  
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Reflection Cremation  
& Funeral Service  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for George William (Billy) Gantt** - August 24, 2023  
at 10:28 AM

GY

“ *JoAnn, so sorry to hear this. Just found out. Praying for you and the  
family. Love you !*

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**Gail Youngblood** - February 14, 2021 at 06:27 PM

JW

“ *JoAnn, David, Paula, Denise, Rhonda, Mary, Roger, Mandi, Ches,  
Linda & families, Though we cannot be there with you, we are  
grieving with you for George's passing. He was loved by many and  
will be missed by many. We hope you find comfort from fond  
memories of happier times together. He touched many lives during  
his lifetime and leaves a great legacy of serving others. You will be in  
our hearts, our thoughts and our prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Jinny & Walt** - February 12, 2021 at 12:52 PM