



Johnny Gill

September 25, 1935 - March 22, 2026

Johnny, age 90, joined his beloved wife in Heaven on Sunday, March 22, 2026. He was a resident of Albany, LA. Johnny proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was a Deacon as well as a dedicated member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, where his faith was evident not only in his words, but his actions. Johnny gave generously of his time, always willing to serve, participate in church events, or help his church family. His passion for education shaped generations for more than 32 years. Johnny started his education career as the head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Albany High School. As principal of Albany Elementary School, he led with wisdom and a genuine love for students and staff alike. Johnny believed deeply in the potential of every child and worked tirelessly to create an environment where they could thrive. His leadership extended beyond the school walls as he continued his service within the Livingston Parish School Board. Above all, Johnny was a family man. He adored his loved ones and found his greatest joy in spending time with them, especially cheering on his grandchildren from the stands as they played the sports he loved so much. Johnny leaves behind a loving family, devoted friends, and a grateful community who will cherish his memory forever.

He is survived by his sons, Darren Gill and Gary Gill; daughter, Kristi Meyers (Wendell); sister, Jerry Ann McGee; grandchildren, Craig Gill (Alecia), Brett Gill (Rachel), Logan Gill, Kyle Gill, Haley Meyers, Scott Meyers; and great-grandchildren, Bailey Gill, Bryson Gill, Caroline Gill, Ethan Gill, Jace Gill,

Grace Gill, Anna Gill, Riley Gill, and Liam Gill.

Johnny is preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Gill; parents, Mabel and Norman Gill Sr.; brother, Norman Gill Jr.; sister, Audrey Pace; and infant brother, Roy Gill.

Pallbearers will be Craig Gill, Logan Gill, Brett Gill, Kyle Gill, Scott Meyers, and Lance Broussard.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Thursday, March 26, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. Bro. Alton Foster will officiate with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery

29350 S Montpelier Rd.
Albany, LA 70711

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
29350 S. Montpelier Rd.
Albany, LA 70711

Funeral Service

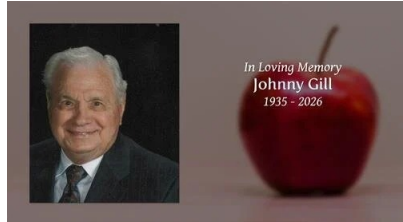
MAR 26. 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Baptist Church
29350 S. Montpelier Rd.
Albany, LA 70711

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnny Gill*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - March 25 at 12:08 PM

CC

Mr. Johnny was such a great help to me and my 4 sons during their years in Albany Schools. Also, many fond memories of him at BBC. Truly a blessing to so many. Cathy Chancey

Cathy Chancey - March 25 at 02:49 PM

GH

“ *Darren, sorry to hear of your dad's passing.*

Glenda Stewart Hazlip - April 01 at 05:16 AM

SM

“ Bro. Johnny was a very devoted servant to our Lord. I can remember when I was knee high to a grasshopper always seeing him at school. I can't remember if I saw him more when sent to the principals office or just in the halls. He was a great coach, as well. He coached my brothers in football, Larry and Michael LeBlanc. That was the time when Albany had a dynamite team. I can say that he leaves behind a wonderful testimony and a great legacy. Only God could have loved him more. To his family, take comfort in knowing that he is pain free and dancing with our Lord and Savior on those golden streets.



Sandra Miller - March 26 at 09:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Gill.

March 26 at 09:27 AM

IW

“ Served under Mr. Gill for 7 years at Albany Elementary. He was a fair and honest administrator. He was a down-to-earth Principal who you could easily communicate with. Thanks for getting a rookie teacher/coach started back in 1975.

Irvin West - March 25 at 03:38 PM

TC

“ Uncle Johnny, you are going to be missed so much. I have always looked up to you as an example of what kind, good men can be and do in a community, and I always cracked up over your sense of humor. With much love,

Toni McGee Causey

Toni McGee Causey - March 25 at 01:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Gill.

March 25 at 01:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Gill.



March 25 at 01:40 PM

CF

“ With Johnny, what you saw is what you got--a man who loved education. And I always reminded him that we were 4th Cousins via Matthew Kinchen and Sally Johnson and this made him kin to all his "good" students!

Clark Forrest - March 25 at 12:11 PM

KG

“ Kyle gill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Gill.

Kyle gill - March 24 at 08:46 PM

KG

“ Kyle gill purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Johnny Gill.



Kyle gill - March 24 at 08:46 PM

DJ

“ I grew up a youngster, and I can today I owe a lot to Mr. Johnny, he was the first to lead me to be Christian and accepting Chris as my Savior, I have known him my entire life and I know he was a great family man and a teacher of education. He will be missed by many .

Danny Johnson - March 24 at 06:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnny Gill.



March 24 at 04:45 PM

WJ

“ I grew up on a farm on Old Baton Rouge Hwy...everyone knew Mr Johnny Gill...was a good basketball player in his time. He held many positions of authority in the school system. I cannot think of a better man than him from that area. My condolences to the family and know your dad was well liked and thought of highly in every way.

William (Billy) Chaucer Jr. - March 24 at 04:37 PM

WP

“ To Gary, Darren, Christy and entire family, we are praying for all of. When Our daughter Dena married Gary he was so welcoming to us. He was so friendly and joked a lot especially to our daughter Dena. Gary and all of you , your dad was happy to see his Lord and savior first. But then he was joined by you all mother Mrs. Joyce, Lord what a time I can only amazing that was. Happy, happy we are together again. Praise God. We will continue to pray for all of you. God forever Bless.

Wilma and Nelson , Melissa and Pera. - March 24 at 04:35 PM

MC

“ Sending condolences and comfort the Gill family. May Mr. Johnny rest in heaven.

Melissa Carter - March 24 at 04:21 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear. I had the lasting memory of shaking his hand Sunday morning. What a witty and fine deacon to our church. He was truly a treasure to this community. He is now happy in Jesus. See you pal. Praying for the Gill family

Jack Saxon - March 24 at 03:02 PM

RR

“ Roy and Mari Re planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny Gill.

Roy and Mari Re - March 24 at 02:33 PM

RR

“ Roy and Mari Re purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Johnny Gill.



Roy and Mari Re - March 24 at 02:33 PM