



## Tom Gilmartin

December 21, 1927 - October 13, 2018

Gilmartin, Sr., Master Captain - Thomas J. - 90, of West Cape May, was born in Atlantic City on December 21, 1927, threw the lines for the final time on Saturday morning, October 13th 2018. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Rita Marie Devine, 2011; his daughter Patti Romp, 2015; and his grandson Thomas J. Gilmartin III, 1999. He is survived by his children, Linda (and Jerry) Fiordimondo, Thomas Jr. (Michele), Margie (Marty) Franco, Joseph (Raechel), TJ (Brooke) and Marie (Scott) Yeager. Also survived by his grandchildren, Christy Marie, JJ, Patricia, Rory, Ellie, Henry, Timmy, Morgan, Maggie, Makenzie, Maddison, Lennon, Timothy Jr., and Joseph, as well as his 7 great grandchildren. Tom lived an adventurous life, with seven kids...wouldn't your life be an adventure too?

Tom enlisted at the age of 17, and was a WWII Navy Veteran. After serving, he married Rita and lived in Atlantic City where they both were raised. He was involved in the early development and training of the first pilots to use radar and Loran C while employed at NAFAC. He relocated to Cape May in 1968, beginning his career with USCG EECEN, as Chief of Electronic Engineering. He was a past Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus and he attended Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cape May.

He was determined to live to 100 and stubborn enough to do so. His passing was unexpected but swift.

His early years included being the only son in a family of six. He was met by his 3 sisters in heaven and is survived by sisters, Mary Elsie Brandel, and Bette Lou Roncace. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Tom's work ethic was a lesson for all to learn. He worked three jobs as a young dad to provide for his family.

His love of sport fishing brought him much joy, and his family plenty of fresh fish! He was a member of the Atlantic City Marlin and Tuna Club, and a proprietary member of the Cape May Marlin and Tuna Club. He was the winner of the "Miller High Life Fish for Life"

tournament in 1983 onboard his 35' Magnum "The Nine G's" with his 3 sons. Tom will be missed by many and remembered by all.

Tom's viewing will take place in the Spilker Funeral Home, 815 Washington St., Cape May, NJ on Saturday (Oct. 20th) from 9:30am until 11:30am with his funeral ceremony beginning at 11:30am. Interment with military honors will follow in Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to "The 9 G's Dreamboat Completion Fund." Our family's hope is to complete Tom's biggest dream! For convenience and acknowledgement purposes please make your contribution through "In Memory Of" online at: [www.inmemof.org/tom-gilmartin](http://www.inmemof.org/tom-gilmartin) or if you prefer regular mail, checks can be made and mailed to: In Memory Of, PO Box 5472, Charlottesville, VA 22905 (re: Tom Gilmartin).

# Cemetery

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## Laurel Memorial Cemetery

2301 English Creek Avenue  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ,  
08234

# Events

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OCT 20	Visitation	09:30AM - 11:30AM
	Spilker Funeral Home 815 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US, 08204	
OCT 20	Service	11:30AM
	Spilker Funeral Home 815 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US, 08204	

# Comments

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“ Crystal Hardin lit a candle in memory of Tom Gilmartin



**Crystal Hardin** - October 22, 2018 at 08:44 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Sincerely Pamela Kopp



**Pam Kopp** - October 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM

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“ An external video has been added.



**Spilker Funeral Home** - October 19, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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“ Marie Kogon, Joanne & Paul in Vermont purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Tom Gilmartin.





“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you know the Lord's peace and comfort as you grieve. Frank & Paula Ackley

Frank & Paula Ackley - October 19, 2018 at 10:53 AM

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“ Holding up a glass of Sharaz in honor and memory of you, Mr. G.  
Anne Ryan

anne m ryan - October 17, 2018 at 12:26 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Gilmartin.



October 16, 2018 at 02:48 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tom Gilmartin.



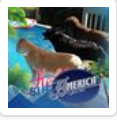
October 16, 2018 at 08:38 AM

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“ Mr. Gilmartin was a man ahead of his time. Building the house on Madison Ave with every electronic gadget possible!! He was small in stature but always carried a huge presence!! We feared him yet respected him greatly. I'm thankful for all the great memories growing up in the Gilmartin house. Raising 7 children who never went without took a great hard working man at the helm!!! Rest In Peace Mr. Gilmartin. Blessings to the family!! Dagmer Chew

Dagmer Chew - October 15, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ tuna fishing on the nine g's, helping build the house on Lafayette st, great guy

**Jim O'Brien** - October 15, 2018 at 01:46 PM

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“ I will always be grateful for the time I spent with Tom as his caregiver and friend. He was the smartest man I ever met, and I will always remember certain things that he taught me about the ocean and fishing. I learned so much about his life when he was a young boy in Atlantic City, and his life in the Navy. My best memory will be that of a few days before he passed I read him letters that he saved that he wrote to his wife while he was in the Navy . It is such a special memory for me . Tom I know you are at that 100 fathom curve you always talked about catching that big fish. I will miss you.

**Judy** - October 15, 2018 at 11:56 AM