

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, Clyde Ford Gillette, was born in Salt Lake City on March 30, 1927 and died on June 9, 2015 after a short illness. He will be remembered foremost as a scientist, adventurer, and explorer, searching for and studying butterflies and climbing mountains during his 88 years.

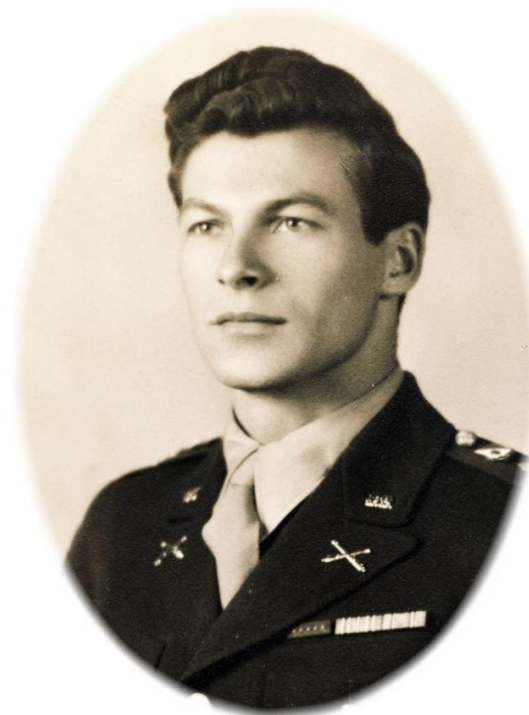
Clyde's love of and interest in butterflies began at a very early age and at age 9, he was asked to co-author an article on painted lady butterfly migrations with Dr. Angus Woodbury of the University of Utah. He co-founded the Utah Lepidopterists Society in 1976 and was known informally as Mr. Butterfly of Utah because of his extensive research into the life histories of the butterflies of the Great Basin and western states, constantly exploring mountain peaks and glaciated valleys of the western states to establish the range of alpine butterflies. His stroke in 2011 curtailed this somewhat. He loved sharing his knowledge with others.

He was one of the co-founders of the Sierra Club's Utah chapter in 1959 and an avid conservationist, establishing summit registers on the highest peaks in all 29 counties of Utah. He climbed the highest mountains in all 11 western states. He loved taking his wife and four daughters on his adventures. Some of the other mountains he climbed were the Great White Throne in Zion NP in 1959, the Tetons and Wind River Mountains, Mexico's Orizaba, Popocatepetl, Iztaccihuatl in 1961; and Mt. St. Helens in 1962 before it erupted. At age 80, he climbed 18K ft Vallunarahu in the Peruvian Andes with a daughter. He was inspired by the explorations of Major John Wesley Powell and early Utah pioneer Will Flanigan. His first Zion Narrows traverse was in 1947. He promoted his wife-to-be Janet Walker's accomplishment as the first documented woman to traverse the Narrows in 1948. He formulated and carried out the Sierra Club's establishment of a monument and plaque in 1972 memorializing the 100-year anniversary of Major Powell's exploration of Parunuweap Canyon near Zion NP. He hiked across the Grand Canyon with his four daughters in 1960. In 1963 he joined a Utah group to raft down the Rio Urique in the Barranca del Cobre in Mexico but they ended up mostly carrying their rafts because of low water and huge boulders - he was emaciated when they singly climbed out of the deep gorge to rural civilization.

Clyde was in the Navy near the end of WWII. He joined the ROTC at the University of Utah and was in the Army Reserve for 30 years, teaching artillery classes at Ft. Douglas. He commanded an Honest John Rocket Battery and graduated from the Command and General Staff College as a full Colonel. Clyde refereed many war training exercises around the U.S. and was proud to have met Gen. Mark Clark on one of these.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Janet Walker Gillette, daughters Jeralee, Janee, Heidi and Michele; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, half-brothers Nels Larsen and Don Larsen, half-sister Phyllis Pedroncelli, nephew Barry Gillette, and 16 cousins. Funeral service will be held Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 11:00am at the LDS Chapel located at 3408 South Celeste Way, where a viewing will be held 9:30-10:30am prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Utah Veterans Memorial Park at Camp Williams.

Clyde was passionate about animal welfare and stopping animal abuse. In lieu of flowers, donations to Best Friends Animal Society or Pet Samaritan Fund would be appreciated.



CLYDE FORD GILLETTE

MARCH 30, 1927

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JUNE 9, 2015



IN MEMORY OF
CLYDE FORD GILLETTE

Born: March 30, 1927 – Salt Lake City, Utah
Died: June 9, 2015 – Salt Lake City, Utah

MARRIED
Janet Walker Gillette

FATHER OF
Jeralee
Janee
Heidi
Michele

FUNERAL SERVICE
June 18, 2015 ~ 11:00 am
LDS Chapel
3408 South Celeste Way
Salt Lake City, Utah

CASKET BEARERS

Jon Gordon	Brett Curtis
Logan Sorenson	Jess Curtis
Rory Miller	Andy Eberhardt
Zach Miller	Joseph Cook
Shane Curtis	Cam Bishop

SERVICES

Officiating..... Rod Vogel
Family Prayer Jess Curtis
Organist..... Steve Pike
Invocation Carly Bishop
Obituary Nikki Eberhardt
Violin Solo Emily Woods
 “Come Thou Fount”
 Accompanied by Jackie Robinson
Family Remarks Janee Gillette, Heidi Gillette &
 Michele Miller
Musical Number Family Members
 “Amazing Grace”
 Accompanied by Jackie Robinson
Remarks Todd Stout (Utah Lepidopterists’ Society)
Song..... Tom Pike
 “Bring Him Home”
 Accompanied by Steve Pike
Remarks Rod Vogel- Plan of Salvation
Violin Solo Emily Woods
 “Going Home”
 Accompanied by Jackie Robinson
Benediction Norm Cornell

Dedication of the Grave..... Andy Eberhardt
Honor Guard US Army Veterans
Interment Utah Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 17111 South Camp Williams Road Bluffdale, Utah 84065