



## Gaillard Ravenel Nolan

September 7, 1936 - March 23, 2020

Gaillard Ravenel Nolan passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family on March 23, 2020. Gil was born in Washington, DC, on September 7, 1936. He was 83 years old.

He was the youngest son of James Parker Nolan and Ellen Ravenel Peelle Nolan of Chevy Chase, MD, and Rehoboth Beach, DE, and the brother of Dr. Stanton Peelle Nolan of Charlottesville, Virginia; and the late James Parker Nolan, Jr. of Bethesda, MD.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Meryl Richardson Nolan; his two sons, Gaillard Ravenel Nolan, Jr., of Bermuda, and Merlyn Richardson Nolan of Bethesda, MD; daughters-in-law, Pamela Barit Nolan and Heather Falk Nolan; and his grandchildren, Hadley Jane Nolan and Parker Richardson Nolan.

Gil is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), in Cambridge, MA, where he received a SB and SM in mechanical engineering and an MBA from Northeastern University. Gil was a member of Phi Beta Epsilon at MIT. He graduated from the Landon School where he was an ALL Metropolitan member of the undefeated 1953 football team. Gil was a leader in the field of medical instrumentation design. During his career, he earned 13 U.S. and foreign patents. He always strived to help others through his work.

Gil so loved his wife and family. His great joys were sailing on the East and West coasts, working on wooden boats, being outdoors and on the water. He was an avid reader, enjoyed hiking and cross country skiing and traveled extensively with Meryl throughout Europe, Canada, Russia, New Zealand and the U.S., often by rail, river and sea. Gil and Meryl had the fortune to live and work together in New England, Florida, California, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Gil was very much a dreamer and an innovator in his life, always with an insatiable thirst for knowledge.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made in Gil's name to the Landon School, 6101 Wilson Lane,

Bethesda, Maryland 20817 or to the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, 300 Oxford Road, Oxford, Maryland, 21654.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gaillard Ravenel Nolan*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Gaillard Ravenel Nolan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Gaillard Ravenel Nolan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

KG

“ *Big hugs and blessings from the Gormans!*

**KIM GORMAN** - March 31, 2020 at 09:04 PM

JB

“ *I am so sorry to learn of this.*

**Jane Boynton** - March 31, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gaillard Ravenel Nolan.*



March 31, 2020 at 08:21 PM

ND

“ Dearest Meryl, Rich, Heather, Hadley and Parker,

*When Heather informed me about the sad news of Gil's passing I was overwhelmed with sadness and grief crying as I read the beautiful obituary.*

*Those of us who spent time with the Nolan clan during holidays, special occasions, pulling all nighters crafting in the basement as Diane mentioned, along with my constant unannounced visits looking for comfort during times of need, it was apparent to everyone that Gil set a high standard exemplified by the way he loved and cared for his Family and helping others.*

*Gil's career accomplishments were well documented and well known, but his proudest moments were the times he spent with Meryl as a devoted husband, committed father to his sons and father inlaw to their wives, but most importantly he was a doting caring Grandfather to Hadley and Parker.*

*I will miss Gil dearly not because he raved over my brussel sprouts at Thanksgiving when I glanced across the dining room table looking for validation, but because Gil always made me feel like a part of the happy, fun-loving, adventurous Nolan clan.*

*Gil left a thoughtful grand legacy for his family that will never be forgotten. May he Rest In Peace.*

*My Deepest Condolences to the Nolan family.*

*All My Love, Nada*

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**Nada Davis** - March 27, 2020 at 04:33 PM

KC

*Sorry to hear about Gil's passing. Meryl, we will talk with you soon.*

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**Karl Corley** - April 02, 2020 at 06:09 PM

ND

“ Nada Davis lit a candle in memory of Gaillard Ravenel Nolan



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**Nada Davis** - March 27, 2020 at 02:40 PM

DD

“ Rich, the kids and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to all of you at this very sad time. The kids and I have such wonderful memories of sharing so many special occasions with the entire Nolan family. We loved our time with both "Pie" and Meryl and the rest of the Nolan clan whether it be an annual holiday or a manic crafting all nighter. Thank you for sharing your Dad with all of us...he was a true gentleman and a wonderful role model to so many. We are sending you all big virtual hugs and thinking of you. Love you all so much! Love, Diane, Alex, Joanna and Theodore.

Diane Dematatis - March 27, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gaillard Ravenel Nolan.



March 26, 2020 at 01:35 PM

DF

“ Rich, we are really sorry for the loss of your father. I feel fortunate that we were able to get to know your dad over the years. You have all of our prayers and sympathy during this very difficult time for you, Heather, Hadley & Parker. Our thoughts are with you. Love Don & Marilyn.

don Falk - March 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM

PL

“ We are very sorry for your loss. We'll keep you in our prayers during this difficult time.  
Phil & Karen Livingston



Phil LIVINGSTON - March 25, 2020 at 01:26 PM

LV

“ Our thought are with your whole family. I hope that wonderful memories help to comfort you during this difficult time. Love Liz&Larry Vaughan



liz Vaughan - March 25, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gaillard Ravenel Nolan.*



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March 25, 2020 at 08:12 AM