

Gill, Phangan Singh "PS" "Cousin" , born in India, April 6, 1912, died suddenly Sunday, June 5, at home. Will be missed by his three children, Charan, Vicky & Hardave; their mother Banto; grandson Travis; son-in-law Eric. Predeceased by 3 brothers 3 sisters nephew Hardev, son-in-law Chuck. Will also be missed by many nephews, nieces, numerous family members & friends.

A long- time member of the B.C. Thoroughbred Racing community, I.W.A., Khalsa Diwan Society.

A man respected and loved by many, by many titles: Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Brother, Budda Bhai, "Cousin", Gill.

Services will be held Saturday, June 11, 1:00 pm, Richmond Funeral Home, followed by cremation and 3:00 pm church service at the India Cultural Centre on #5 Road, Richmond.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to BC Heart & Stroke Foundation or Children's Hospital.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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| GIANI JI       | (Priest)                     |
| KULDIP GILL    | (Grand Daughter)             |
| ANNE GUSTAVSON | (Friend & Neighbour)         |
| JOE MACHOVEC   | (Friend & Neighbour)         |
| MERV PETERS    | (on behalf of the Racetrack) |
| BUTTONS GILL   | (Daughter)                   |
| HARDAVE GILL   | (Son)                        |

## VIDEO

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immediate family will be proceeding to the Crematorium.  
Others are invited to the India Cultural Centre on Number Five  
Road at

3:30 p.m. for the church services. Everyone is then welcome to  
join the family for "A Time to Remember" from 6:00 p.m. to  
9:00 p.m. at his daughter Vicky's home at 4571 Moncton Street.  
Maps are available in the front foyer.

## PROCESSIONAL

SO MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED  
TO HAVE A PICTURE OF DAD TO  
REMEMBER HIM BY. WE INVITE  
THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE  
A PICTURE OF DAD FOR YOUR  
FAMILY TO PLEASE TAKE A COPY.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR  
KIND WORDS OF SYMPATHY AND  
FOR THE WONDERFUL STORIES  
ABOUT DAD YOU'VE SHARED  
WITH US THIS PAST WEEK.

WE KNOW YOU ALL LOVED HIM TOO!

DEAR DAD,

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE WANT TO SAY TO YOU.

FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR DAD, A STRONG, LOVING, INDEPENDENT MAN WITH COMMANDED RESPECT AND EARNED LOVE IN RETURN FROM EVERYONE YOU CAME IN CONTACT WITH. HOW DID YOU DO IT? WHAT WAS YOUR SECRET? WAS IT JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE YOU?

ALL THE MEMORIES WE HAVE OF GROWING UP ARE SO VERY PRECIOUS, BUT NOW SEEM SO VERY SHORT.

REMEMBER:

- WAKING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND SAYING "DAD, I'M THIRSTY" AND YOU GETTING OUT OF BED AND BRINGING A GLASS OF WATER UPSTAIRS TO US.

- STANDING ON THE TOP OF YOUR FEET AND DANCING AROUND THE KITCHEN FLOOR.

- THE DINNERS ON LANSDOWNE ROAD

- THE CARD GAMES THAT WENT ON LONG INTO THE NIGHT

- GOING TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY WHEN WE WERE KIDS WITH YOU SITTING OUT IN THE CAR HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE REST OF US WERE READY.

– THE STORIES YOU COULD TELL – WAS THERE EVER A TIME YOU DIDN'T STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVED IN? –EVEN IF IT MEANT "HIT THE BUGGER"? – YOU TAUGHT US WELL TO BE PROUD OF WHO AND WHAT WE ARE AND TO STAND UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN.

– THE PHONE CALLS EVERY NIGHT. THE CONVERSATIONS WERE ALWAYS THE SAME "WATCHA DOING?" "HAVE YOU HAD SUPPER YET, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO EAT?" NOT MUCH ELSE, JUST THE SAME OLD THING. "JUST PHONED TO SAY HI".

– THE MORE RECENT FAMILY DINNERS WHERE "MR. CAMERA-SHY" WOULD POSE FOR US, EVEN WHEN WE WOULD SAY "DAD, ITS A VIDEO CAMERA... MOVE! ...SAY SOMETHING!"

– THE HORSES. WHEN WEREN'T YOU IN THE BARN, GOING TO THE BARN OR COMING BACK FROM THE BARN – THE GILL "ZOO".

– DAD, THE "PIED PIPER" IN THE LEAD, FOLLOWED BY RAJA (NOW DUKE) AND THEN THE CATS. AND THE HORSES KNEW YOU WERE COMING AS SOON AS THE FRONT DOOR OPENED.

– THE YEARS OF WATCHING YOU DOING EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED – "MR. 39". YOU LIVED A WONDERFUL LIFE

AND AS YOU ALWAYS TOLD US "WHEN YOUR NUMBERS UP,  
IT'S UP, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO CHANGE IT".

WE HAVE TO BE STRONG AND REMEMBER WHAT YOU WOULD  
SAY – YOU CAN'T JUST GIVE UP, YOU CAN'T JUST LIE DOWN  
AND DIE, YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.

DAD, ALL OF US ARE GOING TO MISS YOU. ALL OF US LOVE  
YOU. YOU HAVE TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES AND HAVE TRULY  
MADE A DIFFERENCE BY BEING YOU.

THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR DAD.

WHEN IT COMES TO TRAINING THOROUGHBRED RACE HORSES,  
P.S. GILL WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT  
HE WAS NO CHARLIE WHITTINGHAM OR WAYNE D. LUKAS. HE  
DOESN'T NUMBER A FUTURITY OR A DERBY OR A CHAMPIONSHIP  
AMONG HIS TRACK VICTORIES. HIS BIGGEST VICTORIES WERE  
WINNING PEOPLE.

AT THIS, HE WAS A CHAMPION!

WHEN YOU TALK TO PEOPLE ABOUT P.S. GILL THESE ARE THE  
WORDS THAT YOU HEAR:

KIND

GENEROUS

GOOD HUMORED

KIBITZER

GENTLE

UNASSUMING

AND A GREAT COOK AS WELL!

ALL OF THE ABOVE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A SATISFYING  
EPITAPH FOR ANY MAN.

P.S. GOES BACK A LONG WAY IN RACING - MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY. AND THERE ARE MANY STORIES. ONE INVOLVES HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH TAKA SINGH, THOUGH PERHAPS IT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT EMBELLISHED OVER THE YEARS, AS MOST RACETRACK STORIES ARE!

THE LEGEND IS THAT TAKA WOULD BREW UP A MIXTURE KNOWN AS "TAKA TEA" AND THEY WOULD SELL IT AS A GUARANTEED PICK-UP THAT WOULD MOVE A HORSE UP TEN LENGTHS. THERE WAS NEVER ANY EVIDENCE THAT IT DID. IT PROBABLY DID THE TRAINERS MORE GOOD THAN THE HORSES AS IT WAS ALLEGEDLY BREWED WITH POPPY SEEDS.

P.S. WOULD HAVE HAD A GOOD CHUCKLE OVER THIS.

JOHN ALLEN WAS STABLED WITH P.S. BACK IN THE MORE ROMANTIC DAYS OF HORSE RACING, THE DAYS WHEN P.S. RACED THE LIKES OF VINO STAR AND BABY ROSE. HE HAS STAYED "CLOSE" WITH P.S. OVER ALL THESE MANY YEARS. HE KNOW P.S. AS "AWFULLY KIND. EVERYBODY LIKED HIM. HE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU".

JOCKEY AND OFFICIAL EMIL ROY RECALLS THAT THE ONLY TIME P.S. LOST HIS GENTLE NATURE WAS OVER THE ABUSE OF APPRENTICE JOCKEYS WHO WERE EXPLOITED BY THEIR CONTRACT HOLDERS. AT TWENTY DOLLARS A WEEK AND A MEAL TICKET THEY WERE OFTEN OVERWORKED AND SOMETIMES DIDN'T GET THEIR MONEY, OR THEIR MEAL TICKET. P.S. THREATENED TO PUNCH OUT MORE THAN ONE OF THIS KIND. HE DIDN'T APPRECIATE SEEING THE KIDS ABUSED AND THEIR CONTRACTS SOLD JUST LIKE A LOAD OF HAY.

THE GILL FAMILY LIVED FOR MANY YEARS ON LANSDOWNE ROAD IN RICHMOND, ACROSS FROM THE OLD RACE TRACK WHICH IS NOW A SHOPPING CENTRE. THEIR HOME WAS "HEADQUARTERS" FOR A LOT OF RACETRACKERS WHO WERE ALWAYS WELCOME.

CHARLIE ULRICH, AN EX-JOCKEY AND NOW AN OFFICIAL, RODE A FEW FOR P.S. HE RECALLS THAT HE WOULD COME BACK AND ASK P.S. "WHICH WAY DID THEY GO, BOSS?" AND FONDLY REMEMBERS THAT WIN OR LOSE HE WAS NEVER EXCLUDED FROM P.S.'S WEEKLY CURRIED CHICKEN DINNERS WHICH WERE AN INSTITUTION FOR MANY YEARS. THE MENU WAS NOT VARIED BUT IT WAS LIP-SMACKING GOOD. EVERYONE WAS WELCOME.

THERE ARE MANY MORE STORIES. AND THEY UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE RECALLED AND RECITED WHEN WE ALL GATHER LATER TODAY.

P.S. WILL NOT ONLY BE REMEMBERED AS A TRAINER OF THOROUGHbred HORSES. HE WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED FOR THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE:

HIS KINDNESS

HIS GENEROSITY

HIS GOOD HUMOUR

HIS CARING

P.S. IS GONE. BUT IT WAS AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE TO HAVE KNOWN HIM AND TO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY HIM IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING THESE MOMENTS WITH THE FAMILY TODAY.