

Gillis, John A.

John A. Gillis, 61, died unexpectedly Saturday, October 14, 2006, at his home in Havertown, Pennsylvania. He suffered an apparent heart attack. Mr. Gillis was born February 5, 1945 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the son of the late Dr. John A. and Eleanor M. (Ryan) Gillis. John and Miss Ruth Ann MacAlpine were united in marriage on July 21, 1973 at First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe. Mr. Gillis was a 1963 graduate of Devon Preparatory School, St. Joseph University 1967 and a graduate of The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was a CPA/CFO with Commonwealth Real Estate Investment Corporation. Surviving are his wife, Ruth; one son, James A. Gillis; one daughter, Christina Gillis, both of Havertown; three sisters, Margaret E. Gillis, Eleanor M. Gillis, and Victoria A. Gillis M.D.; two brothers, Angus T. Gillis M.D. and James A. Gillis; two brothers-in-law, William A. MacAlpine and his wife, Marilyn, and Thomas N. MacAlpine; and several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to his funeral from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2006, at the Donohue Funeral Home, 3300 West Chester Pike, Neurtown Square, Pennsylvania followed by his Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at SS. Anastasia Catholic Church. Burial will take place at St. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be offered in his memory to Devon Preparatory School, 363 Valley Forge Road, Devon, Pennsylvania 19333-1299. Local information courtesy of MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe.