



*Edwin "Ted" Gillette*

August 11, 1909 – September 30, 2003

Edwin "Ted" Gillette, age 94, was born in Chicago, the son of an architect with family roots to the *Mayflower* voyage of 1620. Ted grew up in Pasadena, California, and graduated from high school at the Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. He then followed family tradition and studied engineering at Stanford University.

But his true passion and talent was in the "new" craft of cinema photography. Ted began his career at Paramount Studios and served as personal secretary to Preston Sturges, the famous film director. Later, Ted was commissioned as an officer in the Army Air Corps to produce training films during World War II.

During the war, the dashing young officer married Jean Helen Fremont of Dayton, Ohio. He rose to the rank of Major and after the war took a degree in cinema at the University of Southern California. Ted went on to achieve acclaim in the entertainment industry as an innovator in cinema photography and animation. He earned several patents including the Syncro-Vox technique used in the famous *Clutch Cargo* cartoons. Ted retired in 1964 as a partner in Cambria Studios, an animation production studio in West Hollywood.

Ted and Jean raised five children and have lived in their Brentwood home over half a century. In his retirement, Ted and Jean traveled the world together touring all seven continents. They also took time to serve their church and their community. Ted served as Deacon and Elder and Jean taught the Bethel Bible Series. Over the years they hosted hundreds of church youngsters on their boat, the *Misty Isle*, and have hosted dozens of foreign scholars during their studies here in America.

Edwin "Ted" Gillette is remembered as a truly kind and patient man, with a ready smile and puckish sense of humor. He leaves his wife of sixty years and five children: Muriel, Winn, Dana, Gail, and April. He also leaves two siblings, Hyde and Helen, plus three grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at Bel Air Presbyterian Church on Mulholland Drive in Los Angeles.