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**John William Gist**

John William Gist POST-John William Gist, a hero to all who loved him, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014. He was 93 and from Post, Texas. He was born to the late Virgil and Lela Gist, Nov. 4, 1921, in Quanah, Texas. John, known to many as Dub went to school in Quanah until 8th grade. He later joined the CCC and built roads for the National Parks in Colorado. He served in the [Army](#) as a Medic in the Philippines during [World War II](#) Veteran. John also pitched for the Levelland Refiners of the Oil Belt League and Lamesa Lobos of the West Texas/New Mexico League. John is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth Gist. They were married in 1946 in Pampa, Texas. They lived together in Denver City before settling in Post, Texas, in 1957. Big John worked for Shell Oil Company from 1947 until his retirement in 1985. It wasn't a surprise to anyone his rattle snake rattler collection grew to several hundreds. John was an active member of The Church of Christ in Post, Texas. He loved to travel, and took his family to 13 states before deciding Colorado was where he would go camping for 30 years. His family and friends loved to hear him play the harmonica. John is survived by one brother, Donald Gist and his wife Vivian of California; three children: Linda Lewis and her husband Edwin of Lubbock, Texas; Sherry Owen and her husband Benny Owen of Abernathy, Texas; and John David Gist and his wife Vicki from Canyon. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Scott Lewis and his wife Tracy; Randy Lewis and his wife Cassie; Jennifer Gregg and her husband Larry; Gentry Owen; Lynlee Roe and her husband T.J.; Carrie Day and her husband Eddie; ; Marc Owen and his wife Debbie, Ryan Gist and his wife Cara; and 15 great-grandchildren: Laken and L.G. Lewis; Jayton, Riley, Trent and Zack Lewis; Evan, Keaton, Sailor and Alexandra Gregg; Blake Roe; Brianna and Dillon Day; Cagen and Bailey Denison; Kaden and Abbott Gist. He was preceded in death by: his sisters, Emma Gist, Clara Gist Province, and Wanda Gist Tucker; and three brothers: Carl Author Gist, Charles Gist and David Gist. A visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at Hudman's Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at the Church of Christ in Post, Texas on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Terrace Cemetery in Post.

**Funeral Home****Hudson Funeral Home - Post**

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