

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Memorial Committee
Subject: Memorial Day Service and Ceremony

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Memorial Committee would like to report a successful and meaningful Memorial Day service and ceremony which took place on Sunday, May 28 2023 during a beautiful sunny day.

On Friday, May 26, 2023, the geraniums were planted by the work crew of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. All geraniums were grown by the Franklin County Technical School horticulture and landscaping students and purchased by the Memorial Committee. Planters were placed at the monument with geraniums. Grave flags were replaced at the cemeteries by the following: Tim Batchelder, Nathan and Madison Bourbeau, Chet Kuzontkoski and the Gill Memorial Committee.

On Friday, May 26, 2023, Gary Bourbeau and Chet Kuzontkoski put the service flags on the utility poles.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office did a wonderful job printing our programs for a nominal fee.

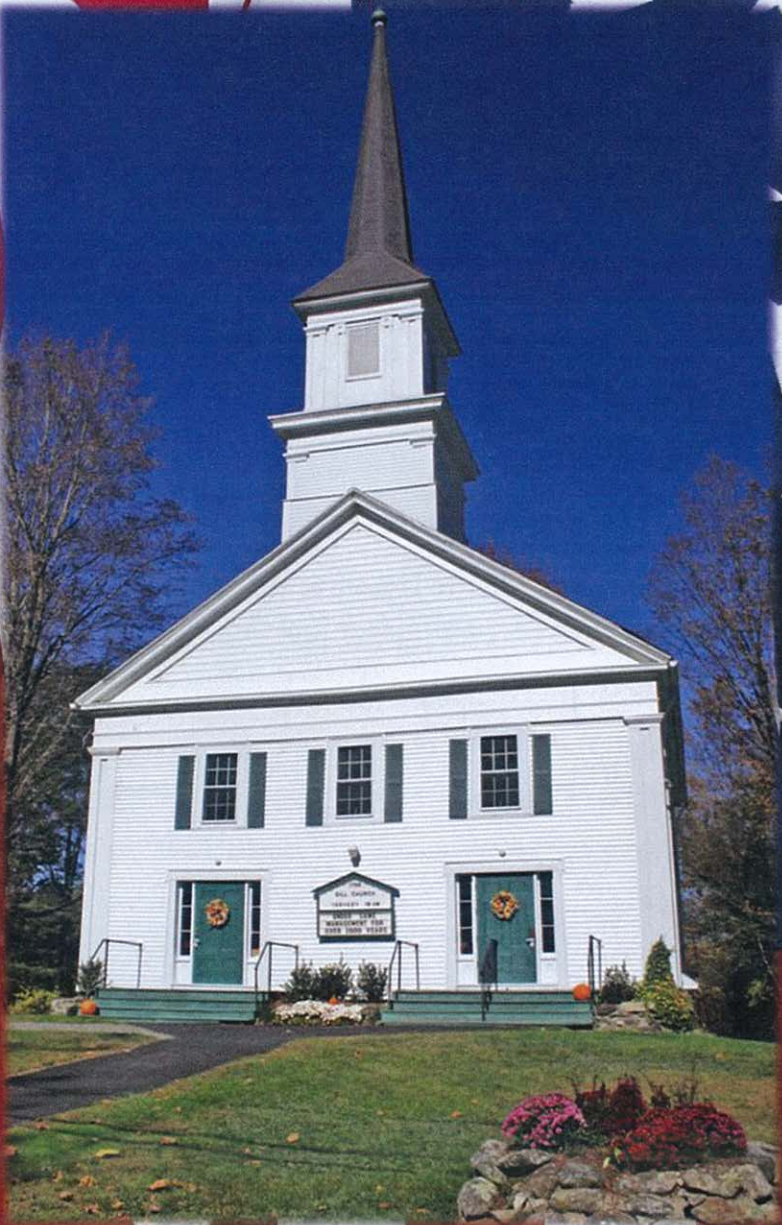
The church service was presided over by Gary Bourbeau with violins and piano music played by Vanessa Nichita, Jennie Petcu, Jessica Nichita and David Nichita. Gary Bourbeau was the speaker.

The second half of the ceremony was held at the Veteran's Memorial with the opening by Gary Bourbeau. The Rose Ceremony was conducted by Memorial Committee members, Doug and Elaine Smith with placement of the roses on the wreath by Madison Bourbeau and Jessica Nichita. The Northfield VFW Post 9874 performed the flag raising followed by the gun salute and taps by the Oak Ridge Marine Corp League Detachment. The ceremony was closed by Tony Zager.

The Memorial Committee would like to thank all who participated in this event. In closing, the service was overseen with Officer Billy Kimball in attendance. We look forward to next year with another meaningful event honoring those who sacrificed their lives so we could enjoy our freedom.

Respectfully,
Gary Bourbeau
Merri Bourbeau
Doug Smith
Elaine Smith
Tony Zager
Gill Memorial Committee

Memorial Day 2023



Gill Church

MEMORIAL DAY

Hymn 601 - National Anthem

Opening Prayer

Introduction/Announcements

Psalm 33

Offering - This is *not* a church offering. The funds are used for Memorial Committee efforts and expenses.

Hymn 600 - America the Beautiful

Musical Interlude

Address Gary Bourbeau

Closing Hymn 604 - Battle Hymn of the Republic

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

SERVICE AT THE MONUMENT

Welcome Address

Rose Ceremony - Presentation to Gold Star Families

Memorial Prayer/Statement - Oak Ridge Marine Corp League Commandant.

Flag Raising - Northfield VFW Post 9874

Gun Salute - Oak Ridge Marine Corp League Detachment

Closing Remarks

ROSE RECIPIENTS

Revolutionary War

Caleb Combs

Grand Army of the Republic

Dennis A. Carter

John W. Hale

Oscar Hale

David Sancomb

First World War

Hector F. Munn

Second World War

Ellwyn Bogue

Stephen Krejmas

Richard Merritt

Gordon Pferdisch

Phillip G. Tuttle

Vietnam

Stephan Davis

Winston Parker

