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Linda Challis Gill is a native Kentuckian who grew up in Louisville and Ft. Thomas. No stranger to adversity throughout her childhood, she learned how to overcome and succeed while growing up with an alcoholic mother. Her father was raised in Indiana, and her mother came from tobacco-farming families in Cynthiana, Kentucky. A scholarship enabled her to attend and graduate from the University of Kentucky in 1962. After considering a career in teaching, Linda Gill chose to travel and see the world instead. She joined American Airlines as a flight attendant and later worked in public relations. She was with American Airlines for nine years based in Chicago and San Francisco. She pursued graduate work in counseling at San Francisco State University.

Linda met and married Jack M. Gill in 1969 in San Francisco, and they lived in the San Francisco Bay area for 33 years. During that time, Linda Gill concentrated on raising their family, serving as a coach, PTA president, and parent-education and juvenile-protection coordinator at Palo Alto schools. She has been involved for over 34 years in professional volunteering in the academic medical community including 18 years at Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, 15 years at Methodist Hospital in Houston, and 8 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Linda is Executive Director of The Gill Foundation of Texas which focuses on educational philanthropy. She is a director of the Gill Heart Institute at the University of Kentucky, Advisor to the Gill Center for Biomolecular Sciences, Board Member of the Methodist Community Council.



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