



## Samuel Evans Gittings Jr.

December 11, 1915 - June 27, 2013

Samuel Evans Gittings Jr. was born December 11, 1915 in Washington D.C. and died peacefully at home June 27, 2013 in Napa, Calif. at the age of 97.

He spent most of his youth in Abingdon, Virginia. It was here while in High School he met the love of his life Rose. In 1941, he moved to San Francisco and there married Rose. He served in the Army and was stationed at the hospital in Auburn, Calif. In 1946 following the service, he and Rose moved to Auburn where he taught at E.V.Cain Elementary School for 10 years. From 1957 until he retired in 1974 he taught U.S. History at Placer High School in Auburn.

He was preceded in death by Rose his life companion of nearly 80 years and his daughter Tevi Lambert. He is survived by his son Sam Gittings III, DDS, grandsons Jeff Litton and Matt Lambert (wife Jaci), and great grandson Mac Lambert.

He was the finest of men – a true gentleman and a great dad. He was kind, thoughtful, generous, loving, forgiving, reasonable, intelligent, athletic, modest and patient – so very patient. He was dearly loved by all.

As he wished, there will be no memorial service.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Evans Gittings Jr.*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Samuel Evans Gittings Jr.*

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“ *Mr. Gittings...a true icon of Placer High School. What an honor it was to have him for a teacher...to bad I was too immature to fully appreciate a man with such depth. Good thing that his son was one of my friends and I got to know Mr. Gittings a little more outside of class. Even outside of class he commanded respect and awe. "Yes, Sir". I, too, became a teacher and understand completely when this happened one day in class: I, a "D" student in history, was falling asleep because of cross country practice; Jack Allen, an "A" student sitting next to me snoring and snorting and Mr. Gittings, probably bored to death with students like us was giving a lecture and came to a place in his notes where he was making a joke...but read through the sentence like normal....paused for a few seconds and said, "Oh, that was a joke, let me do this again". That was in the "Little Theater"...what a great room. It has crossed my mind several times that I would like to call "do- overs" for what I missed in his classes. Mr. Gittings...you are loved and respected. Have a great trip...see you on the other side. Ron Buda*

**Ron Buda** - July 13, 2013 at 07:51 PM



“ *Dear Sam,  
We are sorry to have heard of your father's passing. We want you to know that we are thinking of you, our friend.  
Sincerely,  
Bill and Denise Moore*

**Bill and Denise Moore** - July 13, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ *Sam, sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Dan always said what a nice man he was and what a good son you were. May he rest in peace.*

**Candi Tobin** - July 12, 2013 at 12:24 PM

MH

“ Sam was my 8th grade teacher at the Palm Avenue School (now E. V. Cain). He was a true inspiration to me and had a real passion for history. My high school class (Placer) is planning a reunion next month. I will be sure to let classmates know of his death.

*Mike Holmes  
Auburn City Councilman*

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**Mike Holmes** - July 12, 2013 at 07:21 AM

JR

*Sam - Sad to hear of your dad's passing - we didn't know him personally, but we will be forever grateful for raising such a wonderful son! He must have been a great Dad!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The Raymonds, Bob, Jenette, Stephanie*

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**Jenette Raymond** - July 12, 2013 at 02:22 PM

FH

*I just discovered Mr. Gittings obit (2019). Like Mike Holmes, I was in his 8th grade class, and I remember being transfixed, along with the rest of the class, when he read us history in his wonderful voice. He stimulated an interest in history that is still with me. When I went east to New York for my first year of college (by train, of course), I stopped off in Abingdon to visit his parents. I later went on to be a teacher myself, at the University of Rhode Island, and I owe much of my success to him. Best regards, Frank Heppner, Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences, University of Rhode Island.*

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**Frank Heppner** - September 15, 2019 at 10:06 PM