



Russell D. Gilbert

November 16, 1944 - July 30, 2020

Russell David Gilbert of Cadillac passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Spectrum Health Butterworth in Grand Rapids. He was 75. Russ was born on November 16, 1944 in Ludington.

He graduated from Ludington High School in 1963 and soon after went on to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After returning from the war he went to Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 2 years. He then moved back to Manistee and started his working career at Eberhard's Grocery where he was employed for over 20 years until they closed. He also owned & operated his own heating & cooling company "Gilbert's Refrigeration & Air Conditioning". He later took a position with MICHCON (DTE) in Ludington and after a promotion he moved to Cadillac in 2000 and retired from there after 15 years.

Russ attended First Baptist Church in Cadillac where he volunteered in many aspects of the church. He was a kind and generous man that loved helping people. He enjoyed being foster parents for many years, boating, camping, hunting, fishing, but most of all spending time with his children and grandchildren.

On June 18, 1966 in Scottville he married the former Carla Mae Sanders and she survives him along with their children: Pamela (Jeffrey) Wright of

Manistee, Dawn (Jeffrey) Sinsko of Nokomis, Florida, Dewey Gilbert (Ashley Setzer) of Bear Lake, Heather (Michael) Baxter of Manton, and Larry Gilbert of Manistee; 10 grandchildren: Alivia Grover, Alaina, Amelia and Matthew Baxter, Kendahl & Jarod Wright, Arian Gilbert, Lydia DeLeeuw, and London & Jasper O'Neil; a brother, Chester (Carole) Gilbert of Freesoil and a sister, Verna Tyndall of Flat Rock; many nieces and nephews. Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin E. Gilbert and Laverna J. (Crawford) Gilbert Horowski, and a sister, Nola Ohman and a brother-in-law, Byron Tyndall.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, August 10, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Pastor Chad Zaucha officiating. Friends may meet the family from 10:00 AM until services at church. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Russ was my friend for 54 years and I treasure that! Our sympathies go out to Carla and the family ! God Bless them!

Dave and Dee Guilliams - August 03, 2020 at 05:56 PM

AB

“ Hello dear friend, I am so so so sorry for your loss. I have many Happy memories of you and Russ in the family. May God wrap his loving arms around you all at this time. Love you so much!

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Abbie - August 03, 2020 at 09:33 AM

EJ

“ Some people come onto your life and leave a imprint on you to last a lifetime. Russ was an incredible man that had this ability. His kind nature, big heart, religious beliefs, and work ethic to provide for his incredible family should be a blueprint for being a better man. Russ will be missed but his memories will live on in those of us that he left a imprint on. May we all strive to be better than the day.

Eric Juers - August 03, 2020 at 07:18 AM

BB

“ I have known Russ for many years and there has been nobody nicer and more loving than he. Always saw Carla and Russ together so life will be different now. But, death separates us for a while but we'll be together eventually. Rest easy, Russ, we'll carry on for you till we're all together again.

Birdie Berghuis - August 02, 2020 at 07:55 PM