



Russell E. Gilbert

May 29, 1926 - July 5, 2025

Russell E. Gilbert of Cadillac passed away Saturday evening, July 5, 2025 at his home. He was 99. Russ was born on May 29, 1926 in Cadillac to Oscar H. & Ila A. (Ward) Gilbert. On June 18, 1948 in Cadillac he married the former Mildred R. Smith and she preceded him in death on October 21, 1998.

Russ was a lifelong resident of Cadillac he attended Cadillac Schools. He was an Eagle Scout and he was on the Ski Patrol at Caberfae in 1946/1947. He had been employed at Chris Craft, Four Star and Triangle Security.

He enjoyed walking by the lake, doing puzzles, and Sudoku puzzles, working on plastic canvas crafts and talking about history. The highlight of his day was getting the mail so he could read the Cadillac News. Russ always had a quick joke.

Survivors include his children: Richard (Robbie) Gilbert of North Branch, MI, Ruth (Tom) Jacobs, Karen (Matt) Wheaton all of Cadillac and Janet (Ron) Strickler of Harrison; daughter-in-law, Susan Gilbert of Vicksburg; son-in-law, Joe Chouinard of Holland; 13 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and his wife Russ was preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Chouinard; a son, Roger Gilbert; 2 brothers: Burl & Homer Gilbert and 3 sisters: Bessie Garvey, Mary Jones and infant Maxine.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, July 14, 2025 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Larry Shetenhelm officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Visitation will be Sunday, July 13, 2025 from 2-4 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Mitchell Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
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Funeral Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Russell E. Gilbert.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Russell E. Gilbert.

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