



William H. Gilbert

June 26, 1912 - February 24, 2008

William H. Bill Gilbert, 95, a lifelong resident of "The Valley" in Syracuse, New York, died Sunday, February 24, 2008.

William was born June 26, 1912 in Syracuse, New York, the son of Harry B. and Mary C. (Faustman) Gilbert. Bill attended Onondaga Valley Academy and Syracuse University. He was an outstanding athlete and in the late 1920s was a top ranked tennis player in Syracuse as well as a city handball champion.

Bill was a sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II, serving with the 9th Air Force in England and France. He worked for the Onondaga County Corrections Department for 30 years retiring in 1976 as Director of Rehabilitation for Jamesville Penitentiary. Bill was predeceased by his wife Ethel, who died in 1992.

Bill spent the last few years of his life at Alterra Wynwood in Manlius, New York where he received outstanding care and was well known for always having a smile and quick wit. He was loved by all for his upbeat personality and will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda (Gerald) Horton of Bridgeport, New York; his son and daughter-in-law, William (Lisa) Gilbert of Manlius; five grandchildren, Michael, Elizabeth and Kathryn Gilbert, Wendy

and Darren Horton.

Calling Hour: Thursday, February 28, 2008 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at Ballweg and Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Funeral Service: Thursday, February 28, 2008, 1:00 p.m. at Ballweg and Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to a charity of ones choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William H. Gilbert*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - February 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



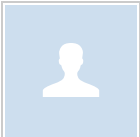
“ *Linda, Gerry and family,I read about the loss of your Dad several days ago in the newspaper. He was a terrific guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Carl B. & family*

March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda, Sorry we are not there in person to be supportive. A card is on the way. See you in a few weeks.*

March 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda,Sorry to hear of your lose. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ So many, sitting with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert in the living room or on the porch, listening to stories and learning about family news. A fantastic trip to Europe with them and my best friend Bill. Working on the Rambler along side Mr. Gilbert's Olds. The crazy pidgin German quote on the refrigerator. The list goes on and on. But one common thread would have to be Mr. Gilbert's uncanny ability to make everything fun and you seem important. His willing ear, amazing wit, and always positive attitude just made you feel good and things seem better. God Bless.

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda, sorry for your loss. I know you have many quality memories of your Dad, as I do of mine. Love, Margo

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Funny,sharp witted, pipe smoking, always up for a good conversation- that was my Uncle Bill. He always had my best interests at heart, and was so helpful to both Eric and I when we were starting out in Syracuse.He had an amazing ability to listen to a ballgame on the radio and recount the details as if he were there in person, and always had a handle on the neighborhood goings on, as well.Missed your presence these past years, Uncle Bill, but know that you are with Aunt Ethel after such a long time apart. Love, Your niece, Lynn

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was always fond of Bill. He was very special to me. I am comforted knowing that he is with his wife again whom he clearly loved and adored so much.*

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“ *I'll always keep many happy memories of family visits to S.Salina St.to see Aunt Ethel and Uncle Bill, when I was young and later on when I started in corrections and lived in the city,keeping my boat in their garage. I only wish we could have kept in better touch in later years. His quick wit, laughter and great stories were his hallmark. He will always be remembered fondly.*

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