



## Gilmer Richard Gulbranson

August 8, 1944 - February 4, 2023

Gilmer "Richie" Gulbranson, age 78 years, gained his wings on February 4, 2023 while he was surrounded by his beloved family.

He was born to Helen Marie (George) Gulbranson and Gilmer Bennett Gulbranson on August 2nd, 1944 in Shevlin, MN. Gilmer was one of 14 siblings with himself being the 5th born child growing up in Leonard, MN. He attended "Happy Hollow" school where he went until the 8th grade. During this time, after school, he worked for various farmers running farm equipment, which instilled in him his love for all things tractor related.

Gilmer met the love of his life, Bonnie, at a dance in Shevlin during his teen years. They dated for 3 years and were happily married in 1965. They welcomed their first child, Richard, in 1966 and shortly thereafter moved to the cities to raise their family. Together, they then welcomed 5 more children- Rochelle, Chad, Daniel, Erin, and Nathan. After moving to cities, Gilmer was employed by Standard Machine Shop where he remained an employee for the next 57 ½ years.

Gilmer will always be known as one of the hardest workers. He was dependable, easy going, honest, and willing to lend anyone a helping hand. He will however be remembered for the great love he had for his family. He was a loving husband and father to his children and always showed them

what it was to be a person of integrity. He enjoyed getting together with his siblings and family reunions. His true joy came from being a grandpa. Gilmer was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. During family gatherings you could find him quietly observing and taking great pride in the family he created and loved more than anything. He also had a great love for cooking with his specialty being BBQ ribs and his famous potato salad. He enjoyed baking as well as making donuts and cookies. He loved to cook for the holidays for his family and he always looked forward to setting the Christmas tree up with his grandchildren right after Thanksgiving.

Gilmer could be found tinkering in his garage or on his lawn tractors. He had a passion for collecting tractors, cars, trains, and Pez candy. If any of these things were mentioned in conversation, he would smile with joy and excitedly talk about his collections. Oftentimes traveling to the tractor shows with his friend Kenny in search of items to add to his growing collections. During the holidays he would light up like a child on Christmas morning when he would receive another piece to add to his collection and always showing gratitude when gifted his favorite things. Gilmer greatly enjoyed making trips to the casino with his granddaughter Brittney and other times with his friend Terry. Once there, he was usually hard to find because he was off enjoying himself so much. In past summers Gilmer enjoyed being out on the lakes on a boat or jetski with his kids, and in later years he loved visiting his daughter Erin's pool and swimming with his grandkids. He had a passion for working on cars with his son Richard as well. You could always find him working on something with a motor.

Preceded in death by his parents Helen and Gilmer Gulbranson, mother and father in law Emily and Arthur "Bud" Platt, siblings Laurie Hanson, Steve Gulbranson, his brother Wayne and a stillborn brother, and sister Irene Storm. Brothers in law Ronnie Platt, Jimmy Rouland, Iver Cassibo, Gerald Halvorson, Larry Williams, Jim Bailey, Charles Jorgenson, Marv Lang and Tom Storm.

Sisters-in law Alice Gulbranson, and Brenda Gulbranson. Son in law Donald "Donnie" Eickstadt.

He is survived by his wife of over 57 years Bonnie, children- Richard (Lisa) Gulbranson, Rochelle Cavness, Chad Gulbranson, Daniel Gulbranson, Erin (Will) Cochran, and Nathan (Harmony) Gulbranson. Grandchildren- Dustin Gulbranson, Travis (Heather) Gulbranson, Brittney (Anthony) Mastrian, Brandon (Amanda) Cavness, Nichole (Fiance Cody) Eickstadt, Rylee Eickstadt, Donovan Mullen, Evalina Gulbranson, Olivia Cochran, Elle Cochran, and Ethan Gulbranson. Great grandchildren- Destiny, Aden, Alex, Austin, Andrew, Nolan, and May. Siblings- Donna (Gordy) Solberg, Alice Cassibo, Sharon (Jim Watts) Lang, Karen Jorgenson, Gary Gulbranson, Sandra (Rich) Dombeck, Robert Gulbranson, Nancy (Byron) Edevold, Tammy (Mike) Cleveland, Sisters in law Linda Gulbranson, Patricia Bailey, Sharon Black, and brothers in law Jerry Hanson, Mike (Vicky) Platt, and Steve (Kari Kilen) Platt. Many, many beloved nieces and nephews as well as countless friends and extended family.

Gilmer will be truly missed by many until we meet again in our Lord's beautiful Kingdom in the sky. We will find peace in knowing he is walking on streets of gold with the ones who have passed before us.

Memorial service to be held at the Washburn-Mcreavy Glen Haven Chapel (5125 West Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429) with visitation hapening 1 hour prior. Reception to be held after the service at the VFW in Crystal, MN (5222 Bass Lake Rd, Crystal, MN 55429).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

## Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ We shared over 57 years of marriage and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Had some tough times but he never gave up..just kept on ...be it a lay off, fire, he never complained. He worked so hard to make a living and loving life for our family. A man of few words but always a little smile. He observed everyone and loved to pinch our cheek..be it me or the grandkids. He was a good cook and a food critic. We miss him so much but know we will see him again. I was so blessed to have him for so many years.

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**Bonnie** - May 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gilmer Richard Gulbranson.



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February 26, 2023 at 11:42 AM

FH

“ *Faith and Michael Herman* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gilmer Richard Gulbranson.



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**Faith and Michael Herman** - February 23, 2023 at 04:40 PM

JJ

“ Jeff Johnson purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Gilmer Richard Gulbranson.



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**Jeff Johnson** - February 21, 2023 at 12:24 PM

CG

“ I loved my dad to heart. It broke my heart the day I had to say good bye A man of greatness and integrity. My dad is very much loved and honored by his family very much. He taught us to wrench on cars . Taught us about what it means to be family. He worked very hard to make sure we had nice things in life . We were burnt out of Minneapolis when our apartment building was fire bombed. He held the family together and rose back out of the ashes at 3421 1st Ave S.. He worked very hard at his job he loved as a machinist. I have a lot of funny stories. I will share at the funeral . When he passed I cried more than the ocean has water. I got to hug him and said Dad I love you He said very slowly I love you . I seen him take his breath. Broke my heart. I hope everyone makes it safe and thank you for your support Chef Chad Gulbranson ,Dad I love you and miss RESTEASY...POPS.

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**chad Gulbranson** - February 21, 2023 at 10:13 AM

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“ Dear Bonnie, I am so sorry to see that Richard has passed away. I am in Georgia right now so will not be able to come to see you and your family. I am heading back to Minn. on the 3rd of March and barring any blizzards, should be back by the 6th. I would love to get together with you and talk about 'old times' and catch up on what has been going on for the last 37 years! lol. You can reach me at imdoomdt@aol.com I am still living in the 60's and resisting any kind of cyber technology. I still tell people about the time I showed up at your door in costume and full mask on Halloween and Richard answered the door and I kept telling him I wanted more candy. Poor guy, he kept side stepping away from me every time I said, "More." You finally came to the door and you just stood there and laughed ! You spotted my shoes and then you recognized me. Poor Rich!! I don't think he laughed at all!! Again, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts will be with you and I hope that I hear from you soon. Feel my hug!

Love, Terri (Anderson) Janus

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Terri - February 20, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gilmer Richard Gulbranson.



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February 20, 2023 at 01:26 PM

KM

“ Gilmer would always be a listening ear to me. He always would treat me like one of his own children when I was over at the house. I would love being outside helping him with yard work & planting flowers with him. He was the best on the grill & made the best potato salad in life. My deepest condolences to his family & friends 🙏💕 till we meet again.

Krissy Moore - February 19, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gilmer Richard Gulbranson.



February 16, 2023 at 06:11 PM

DO

“ I worked with my grandpa for a few years and one week we were painting the shop and he put me up on the old school forklift with a roller and a bucket, once I was done with with the paint in my bucket, I look down and he's sleeping in the chair, took a good yelling to wake him up then acted like he wasn't sleeping haha good times

Donovan - February 16, 2023 at 02:52 PM

RD

“ My dad was a wonderful man a hard worker showed me right from wrong loved me Unconditionally ! a men of few words but always smiling. thank you god for giving me one of the most amazing dad's in the world love you dad and will miss you Rest easy till I see you again

rochelle cavness daughter - February 16, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *I was with Richie when he bought his first car 1957 chevy, he was so proud, what a great guy! Happy I knew him.* ”

Larry Halvorson - February 15, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilmer Richard Gulbranson.* ”



February 15, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilmer Richard Gulbranson.* ”



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