



## Hugh Ellis Gilmore

May 8, 1932 - August 4, 2024

REV. HUGH GILMORE, 92 years old, joined the Lord in heaven on Sunday August 4th, 2024. Resident of Waconia MN, originally from Granite Falls MN. He was born on May 8, 1932, the son of Harry and Stella Gilmore. He is survived by his wife Kay, of 64 years. Children Michael (Kelly), David (Michelle), Kimberly Sop (Peter) Grandchildren Seth Gilmore (Kerry), Bridget Gilmore (DJ), Kayla Lopez (Marco), Matthew Blachowiak (Heather), Logan Gilmore, Ellie Gilmore, Madison Gilmore, and Kate Gilmore. Great grandchildren Evelyn Gilmore, Nolan Gilmore, and Joseph Gilmore. Step grandchildren Paige Muehlberg, Jacob Sop, Spencer Sop, and Jacob Hille.

Next to his Lord, his Family was the most important thing to him. Throughout his high school days, he worked in his father's service station. He is a graduate of Granite Falls High School where he played trumpet in the band and sang in the school choir. He enjoyed baseball and was on the Granite Falls high school, Legion, and town ball teams. He graduated from the Minnesota School of Business, with a degree in accounting. He worked at a CPA firm and then joined a manufacturing company. He was active at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church and after a year of vocational struggle, felt the Call to enter the ordained ministry. He graduated from Augsburg College and Augustana Theological Seminary. He and Kay were married on August 15, 1959. They traveled to Seattle, Washington, where he served his internship. He was ordained in the Lutheran Church in 1962. He served parishes in

Minnesota at Saron in Big Lake, Hope in Mpls., Mt. Calvary in Excelsior and Mt. Olivet in Mpls. He and Kay were foster parents for over 100 babies through LSS. Hugh enjoyed spending time with his family at Big Lake and Lake Minnetonka. Kay and Hugh traveled extensively on cruises and winter trips to Mexico. Time spent with his wife, children and grandchildren brought him much joy. He was active and Past President of Rotary, Paul Harris recipient, PTA president in Mpls., Served as President of the Minneapolis Ministerial Association, Board member of Common Bond Communities, President of South Shore Housing, Chaplain for Minneapolis Aquatennial, recipient of the WCCO Good Neighbor award, member of Minnetonka High School Drug Task Force, and member of the Lafayette Club. He was an active golfer, hunter, and fisherman. He loved people and always had a positive and optimistic attitude towards life.

A memorial/celebration service will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church West, 7150 Rolling Acres Road, Victoria, MN. Visitation one hour prior to service.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials preferred to Mount Olivet Cathedral of the Pines Camp.

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Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Victoria)  
7150 Rolling Acres Road  
P.O. Box 153  
Victoria, MN 55386

## Memorial Service

AUG 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Pastor Gilmore baptized me in Big Lake. I believe he and Kay were friends of my parents Cal and Dorothy Hinrichs. I am the admin of the Big Lake history group on Facebook and if you search for Gilmore there you will find a few posts with photos. My heart goes out to you all for your loss.*

Jana Hinrichs Harrer - August 18, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BA

“ *I was married by Pastor Gilmore at my mother and father’s home in August of 1980, and he baptized my son and I a few years later. A great man and he will always hold a special place in my heart.*

Barry Ablett - August 17, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Pastor Gilmore*



Peter Stratmoen - August 09, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JS

“ *Pastor Gilmore, Kay and their family were such dear friends to our family years ago. He was my confirmation teacher and married my husband Bob and myself when he was Pastor at Hope Lutheran in South Mpls. Sending love to you Kay and your family. Joanne Paquay Stiras*

Joanne Stiras - August 07, 2024 at 08:43 PM

DM

*We will keep Pastor Hugh Gilmore in our hearts forever. He was so strong in his faith and so very gentle and kind to everyone. What an example to all who knew him. He truly loved Kay and his entire family. He will be so missed. Charlie & Dianne McCain*

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**Dianne McCain** - August 07, 2024 at 09:07 PM



*We will miss Pastor Gilmore so much! He seemed so timeless that you never dreamed this day would come. Rest in peace dear Pastor. Peter & Susan Stratmoen*

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**Peter Stratmoen** - August 09, 2024 at 09:02 AM