



James David Gilbert

February 24, 2014

Gilbert, James David 11/29/1917 - 2/24/2014 passed away peacefully at St. Therese Care Center in New Hope. A resident of Brooklyn Park, David and his wife, Marguerite were long time residents of Fridley. Preceded in death by wife, Marguerite (Polzin), his parents, Ira and Florence Gilbert, brothers, Harold, Alan, Eugene, Frank and Willis. Survived by his children, Jim (Judy) Gilbert, Linda (Jack) Hoppe, Barbara (Charlie) Meyer, Marilyn (Terry) Hofer, Mike (Lisa) Gilbert, Phyllis Gilbert, and Lonnie (Mike) Mallowney; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and a large network of extended family, friends and neighbors. Funeral service 11 AM Friday, Feb. 28 at Fridley United Methodist Church, 680 Mississippi St, Fridley. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at church and 4-7 PM Thursday, Feb. 27 at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999 2610 19th Ave. N.E., Mpls

Tribute Wall



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't know your Dad and Grandfather very long, but thought he was a very dear person. He had a smile on his face and was easy to talk to and I enjoyed our visit just last Sept. at Eleanor's birthday party. I could tell he had a good soul and was a kind, loving man. He will be extremely missed by all.

Sandy Foote

Sandy Foote - February 27, 2014 at 02:05 PM



“ Shannon Potter sent a virtual gift in memory of James David Gilbert



Shannon Potter - February 27, 2014 at 01:43 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James David Gilbert.



February 27, 2014 at 08:49 AM

MP

“ Sorry to hear of David's passing. We will always remember his big smile and joy in visiting whenever we saw him. He was a special person.

Jim and Marlene Puffer

Marlene Puffer - February 26, 2014 at 07:13 PM

PR

“ So sorry for your loss. I hope you have a good visit and alot of remember whens - I am sure that is what he would have wanted. And be sure to get our the cards and play a few hands of whist or Pinochle.

Patricia Rondo a niece - one of many

Patricia Rondo - February 26, 2014 at 05:06 PM

TJ

“ Tim & Sue Hofer, Forrest & Karen Bell, and Colleen Jark purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of James David Gilbert.



Tim & Sue Hofer, Forrest & Karen Bell, and Colleen Jark - February 26, 2014 at 12:36 PM

MG

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Mike Gilbert - February 26, 2014 at 11:57 AM

KM

“ *Karen Mallowney lit a candle in memory of
James David Gilbert* ”



Karen Mallowney - February 26, 2014 at 09:32 AM



“ James David Gilbert was born on Thanksgiving Day in 1917, in Beadle County, South Dakota. He was named James after both his grandfathers, but was known to nearly everyone as David. He graduated Hitchcock High School in 1935 as valedictorian of his class. He married Marguerite Polzin in 1941 and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in November of 2011. David was a US Army veteran (1st Lt, ret) and was very proud of his service in WWII. After his discharge they farmed in both Minnesota and South Dakota, always near family. In 1966, they sold the farm and moved to the Twin Cities, settling in Fridley. David worked at Gresen Mfg until he retired in 1982. After retirement, he became involved with the Fridley Senior Programs and the Golden Lions. In October 2010, David and Marguerite moved to the Waterford Senior Community in Brooklyn Park. There he continued to use his lifelong talent for meeting people and making friends, most often cementing those friendships at the card table.

David was always friendly and invariably patient. He was a loving husband, an inspirational father, and a kind, considerate friend. He had a ready smile and a quick wit. He was an avid reader, who never lost his love of learning. His long life had many adventures, large and small, beginning when he was 4 and his family pulled up stakes and moved to British Columbia, and continuing through the age of 96 when he boarded an airplane to visit friends and family in Arizona. In that lifetime he took many leaps of faith - moving to California with his bride to look for work at age 24, leaving the farm at 49 for a life in the city, reaching out to make new friends in a new neighborhood at age 92.

He enjoyed life, loved people, and cherished his family. He will be greatly missed by those whose lives he touched.

Phyllis Gilbert - February 26, 2014 at 09:11 AM

LE

“ *Leah lit a candle in memory of James David Gilbert*



Leah - February 25, 2014 at 04:53 PM