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William “Billy” Gilbert, Jr., 61, passed peacefully from this life into the arms of Jesus at his home in Parrottsville, TN on Friday, August 30, 2013, surrounded by his family and friends. He was born on May 4, 1952 in Newport, TN. He was a faithful member of the Newport Church of Christ, and the three men he admired most were the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. He was a proud business owner in Newport for over 30 years, and he successfully owned and operated Victory Lanes Bowling Center for the last 18 years.

Billy was a dedicated dad, husband, uncle, brother-in-law, and friend and will be greatly missed by everyone whose life was touched by knowing him.

Billy’s favorite hobby was studying the bible and learning as much as he could about the Word of God. He was also an avid deer hunter with his special friend “Dad” O’Dell, and enjoyed fishing, camping with family members, and coaching various sports teams throughout the years.

Billy was preceded in death by his father William B. Gilbert, mother Vica Ida Maddron, special uncle J.U. “Buster” Gilbert, special brother-in-law Gary Williams, brothers Ralph Gilbert, Doyle Gilbert, and Harley J. Gilbert, and sister Ruby Barr.

Billy is survived by a loving wife of 40 years Vickie Gilbert of Parrottsville; daughter Tracey Gilbert, of Newport, son Keith Gilbert, of Parrottsville, stepson James B. Williams, of Knoxville, stepson Lee Merritt of Raleigh, NC, two granddaughters, Jacklyn and Jamie Merritt, both of Raleigh, NC, one great-grandson, Kevin Cheek, of Raleigh, NC, special aunt Betty Henderson, of Newport, brothers and sisters Brenda Williams of Newport, Lesa Stafford and husband Greg of Limestone, TN, Vikki Felts and husband David of Knoxville, Mike Gilbert and wife Pat of Houston Valley, Steve Gilbert and wife Donna of Newport, John Gilbert and wife Billie of Greeneville, Ronnie Maddron and wife Serita of Newport, Bobby Gilbert and wife Kaye of Greeneville, Tony Gilbert and wife Jill of Asheville, NC, Terry Gilbert and wife Debbie of Greeneville, Lynda Austin



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and husband Ron of Limestone, Marie Lawing and husband Bill of Greeneville, brother-and-sister-in-law Mike and Julie Merritt of Augusta, GA, and many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, church family, and bowling alley family members.

A memorial service will be held at Newport Church of Christ, 245 Woodlawn Ave. in Newport at 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 7th, 2013. The family will be receiving friends and relatives from 12:00-1:00pm. A fellowship meal will follow the memorial service at the church for those who would like to attend.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Costner-Maloy funeral home to help with final expenses. You may go on-line to sign guest registry.



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DF

Donnie Freeman posted:

So sorry for your loss Billy was a good friend a good man I will miss him so much I have so many great memories bowling with him He was loved by so many people

September 23 at 11:46 AM

VL

Vanessa Mccarthy-Ledezma posted:

Vickie I am heartbroken for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Loves to you hun. ~Vanessa

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TJ

Teresa Johnson posted:

Vickie, I am so sorry for your loss. I know that you have peace knowing that Billie is with the Lord. The two of you will be together again. Praying for you and always just steps away. I love you♡♡

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ML

Mary Sharon Ledford posted:

He was a wonderful person to know and he will always be in my heart, my condolences go out to Vicky and Family.

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AH

Amy Huff posted:

I always enjoyed seeing Mr. Gilbert. He always had a smile on his face. He wouldn't leave the office without giving me a hug. I will miss him dearly.

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WF

Wayne And Anne Freeman posted:

We are so sorry to hear about Billy passing. He was loved by everyone. We will always remember his giving heart and love for people. We have such fond memories of Leigh Anne and Tracy playing softball together and going to the Gilbert house afterwards to swim. Billy and Vickie always made everyone feel so welcome. It is such a precious memory we will never forget. Vickie Tracy and Keith may God 5pna5comfort you during this sad time in your life. We love you all. How blessed you are to have had such a wonderful husband and father. We will always remember his positive attitude and how he passed it on to others. He will be missed for now but one day you will see that smiling face again. May his love help you get thru this difficult time.

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LD

Linda Dawson posted:

All of you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Billy has fought a very hard battle with this evil cancer that has taken the life of so many of our loved ones. But now the glory is his! I'm so sorry for your sadness and heartache. Billy has been in my prayers for three years, and now I will continue to keep you all in my prayers!\r\n\r\nSincerely,\r\nLinda

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MC

Mike And Yvonne Cameron posted:

Vicky, Tracy and Keith we are so sorry for the loss of Billy. He was a great man and will be missed by a lot of people. We will be keeping the whole family in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please let us know.

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TG

Teresa Gilbert posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.\r\n\r\nLove,\r\n\r\nTeresa, Courtney & Ross

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AB

Amanda Ball posted:

So sorry for your loss. I pray that God puts his loving arms around you all and comforts u in only a way He can. The family is in my prayers.

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DK

Dana Kerley posted:

Tracy we are sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

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SR

Shana Y Russell posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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FN

Frankie Norton posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our prayers.

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JR

June Holt Russell posted:

Thinking of you during this most difficult time-With deepest sympathy, June and Family

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CA

Carolyn Austin posted:

It was with deep saddness that I learned of Billy's death. But then I remembered he stepped off earth into Heaven. Praise the Lord. He is up there with Daddy and Momma catching up. Prayers for you Vicki and your kids.\r\nCarolyn Austin

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JF

Joann Mooneyham & Family posted:

To ALL THE FAMILY WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BILLY HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND TO OUR FAMILY, THE good thing is the hope we can meet again one day to be absent from this body &to be present with the Lord.

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GW

Gail Wilson posted:

I am sorry to hear about Billy's passing. I knew him and the family very well when I was a child and youth. Our parents were friends. My sympathies to all.

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JR

Joann Ricker posted:

Dear Family,\r\n\r\nI am so sorry for your loss! I'm glad to read that he was a dedicated Christian. We know that's the most important thing!\r\n\r\nMay our Lord comfort each of you, & give you peace & strength.\r\n\r\nIn Christ's love,\r\n\r\nJoAnn (Cutshaw) & Freddie Ricker

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MM

Mike Merritt posted:

Billy, thank you for being a good husband, and best friend to my sister, Vickie. So long, no more problems.

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BE

Billy Errington posted:

William Errington & family, we give every ounce of our deepest condolences. Still can't believe he's gone but he's no longer suffering and he's up there striking pins down in Heaven. We love you Gilbert Family...

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SO

Susie Pedigo Owenby posted:

Sorry I missed the memorial. I didn't know where the church is or what time it was. I hate Billy had to go so young. He will be missed.

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DR

Deloris Robinson posted:

I am sorry for your loss of a good man. You will be in my prayers

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EF

Edward Sklar & Family posted:

Billy will be sadly missed. Billy always like to be with his friends and mainly his bowling friends. But he will always be in our hearts.

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MJ

Marcia Jennings posted:

Vickie,\r\nSorry to here about Billy, we will miss him. If you need anything let us know. We love you both and miss bowling in Newport.\r\n\r\nLove you all,\r\nKenny and Marcia Jennings

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LR

Leesa Morris & Randy posted:

Our most sincere condolences to your family. Billy will be missed. Vickie, if you need anything that we can do for you let us know.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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