



David Gilliland

December 31, 1936 - May 23, 2012

David Bruce Gilliland – age 75, passed away peacefully at his home in Harriman, Tennessee Wednesday, May 23, 2012. He fought a tough battle with cancer for the past two years. David was a faithful, life-long member of Harriman United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir for over 60 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph Boyd Gilliland and Laura Turner Gilliland. He is survived by his faithful wife Shirley Graves Gilliland, two sons and daughters-in-law Bruce D. (Traci) Gilliland of Knoxville and Sean T. (Anne) Gilliland of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; two older brothers Joe T. Gilliland of Peachtree City, Georgia and R. Gerald Gilliland of Fox Chapel, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, Abigail and Ian Gilliland of Knoxville and Molly Gilliland of Murfreesboro; and 7 nieces and nephews.

David was graduated from Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee with a degree in Political Science. He served in the United States Air Force during the latter half of the Korean conflict stationed in Korea and on the island of Crete. After his military service and college career, David went to work in Oak Ridge for the Union Carbide Company and later Lockheed-Martin as a classification specialist, spending the next 30 years with the Oak Ridge facility. David was the last surviving charter member of the Knoxville Smokyland Chapter Barbershop Chorus that sang both locally and regionally.

Receiving of friends will occur at the Kyker funeral Home Friday from 5 until 8

PM. A service of celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 2 PM at the Harriman United Methodist Church in Harriman with Rev. Steve Parker officiating. Burial will be at Roane Memorial Gardens following the service.

In lieu of flowers, all memorials should be sent to Harriman United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

LA

“ I apologize for the lateness of my message, but I have been out of town and only recently saw David's obituary. I am so sorry for your loss. Whether it was just greeting David in the hallways or asking him to review a document, he was always pleasant and willing to help in anyway. It was a pleasure to have worked with him and to have known him.

Larry Long - Kingston, TN - Work Associate - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Dear Aunt Shirley, Bruce and Sean,

So sorry to hear about Uncle David's passing. Like Greer, Gaelen, Gwyni and Grant, I have great great memories as a kid visiting our family in Tennessee. I always remember Uncle David as such a happy, loving father -- ALWAYS smiling! :) My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Gregory

gregory gilliland - laguna beach, CA - nephew - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I was saddened to hear of David's death. He was a good friend of mine and my family's for many, many years. He and my Dad, John Farnham, sang together in the Roane Groaners Barbershop Chorus as well as Roane Choral Society. I was also fortunate enough to sing with both of them in both organizations. I remember his always quick and sharp wit, as well as his talented singing. He will be missed by many.

All his family have my condolences, and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill Farnham - Harriman, TN - Friend - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Shirley and Family, We were So sorry to hear of David's passing. We were blessed to have you as next door neighbors for several years. It was a special pleasure to know all of you. He was an excellent musician and a good friend. We extend you our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers.

George and Margie Wadlington

George and Margie Wadlington - Kingston, TN, TN - Friends and former neighbors - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ So very sorry to hear of David's passing. He was a wonderful person. May God ever bless you and your family.

Lillie Love March - Clinton , TN - worked with David and Shirley - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Dear Aunt Shirley, Bruce and Sean

I've been thinking about you all at this difficult time. I'm so glad my parents were able to make the trip down. I remember Uncle David as being a smiling happy man! I felt like he wanted to play with us when we came to visit. He was so happy to have us all around. He's a very family-focused man. He was loyal and dedicated to all of you and his parents. Dare I say he was my favorite Uncle-maybe that's true!! I know that Uncle David had a kind loving spiritual heart and showed it to many in various ways! I know he had an positive impact on many and made this world better because he was here! God Bless and much love to you all! Gwyni Gilliland

Gwyni Gilliland - Pittsburgh, PA - neice - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *I have lovely childhood memories visiting uncle David, aunt Shirley, Sean & Bruce while visiting Granny. I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Greer Gilliland Stasko - Pittsburgh, PA - Niece - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *My deepest condolences to Shirley and family in this very difficult time. I hope you'll find comfort in family and friends that are close to you in this time. Sending love.*

Gaelen Gilliland - New York, NY - Niece - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Shirley & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. He was such a kind person who always had smile and hello. Peace be with you during these hard times and know that God is taking care of him now. We were blessed to know you both and be related.

Cheryl Wester Laxton

Cheryl Wester Laxton - Kingston, TN - Distant family - May 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ May God be your comfort and strength during this time of grief and loss.

JANET WICKE - May 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Bruce and Traci, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Alyson, Jaclyn, Jeb, and Juliana

Alyson A. Eberting - Knoxville, TN - Friend - May 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Traci & Bruce May God bless you and your family you are in my prayers.

Love always Ms. Brenda

Brenda Helton - KN, TN - friend - May 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ *Mr. Gililand was a sweet and kind man and I feel honored to have been in his life for a short time. Shirley, you and David welcomed me and the PCM nurses into your home and we all feel a great sadness from his passing. Thank you for your kindness and allowing us to care for him. We wish many blessings on you and your family.*

Valerie Ward - Lenoir City, TN - RN Case Manager with PCM - May 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM