



## John C. Gilmore

December 5, 2002

JOHN C. GILMOR, AGE 88 OF HARRIMAN PASSED AWAY THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2002 AT METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER IN OAK RIDGE. HE WAS A RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL FROM THE U.S. AIR CORPS, HAVING SERVED IN EUROPE FOR 39 MONTHS DURING WWII. HE OWNED AND OPERATED GILMOR FIRESTONE HARDWARE STORE IN HARRIMAN FOR 20 YEARS. HE WAS A RETIRED TEACHER & PRINCIPAL WITH THE HARRIMAN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM & WAS LATER ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE HARRIMAN CITY SCHOOL BOARD. HE WAS A 50-YEAR MEMBER OF SOUTHGATE LODGE #569 F & A M. HE WAS ALSO A PILOT AND A LIFELONG PRESBYTERIAN. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF GREENBRIAR MILITARY SCHOOL IN WEST VIRGINIA; THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY; THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY. SURVIVORS: COMPANION OF 50 YEARS: MARY FRANCES GRIZZELL OF McMINNVILLE; DAUGHTER: SANDRA LAPOLLO OF AMHERST, MA; SON: JOHN B. SWERDFEGER OF BRAWLEY, CA; BROTHER: ROBERT GILMOR OF DENVER, CO; GRANDSONS: GABRIEL LAPOLLO, DANIEL LAPOLLO, NICHOLAS LAPOLLO, ALL OF AMHERST, MA; RONALD SWERDFEGER AND JOHN SWERDFEGER, BOTH OF BRAWLEY, CA. FUNERAL 9:30 A.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT THE TENNESSEE VETERANS CEMETERY, LYONS VIEW PIKE, KNOXVILLE WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS AND INTERMENT TO FOLLOW IN THE CEMETERY. THE FAMILY WILL

RECEIVE FRIENDS FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M. MONDAY AT KYKER  
FUNERAL HOME IN HARRIMAN. AT THE FAMILY'S REQUEST, IN LIEU OF  
FLOWERS, MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO THE HARRIMAN  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *One of the few Authorities of my youth that deserved and earned that title. I would have followed that man through fire if he had needed me to.  
God bless all that he loved.*

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**Mark Melton** - May 25, 2025 at 07:01 AM