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Lt. Col. (Ret) Gilbert A. Buffaloe, age 88, died September 19, 2013 at the Delaware Hospice Center.

Gilbert served his country proudly for 28 years and is a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He earned numerous medals, including the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit. His childhood was spent in rural Indiana, the son of Hannan and Faye Buffaloe, and he delighted in telling stories about those years. Enlisting in the Army during WWII, and working his way up through the ranks, he served in locations all over the world during his distinguished career as a Military Intelligence Officer. He met the love of his life, Sibylla, while stationed in Germany after WWII.

Following his retirement from the military in 1971, Gilbert remained in Glen Burnie, MD, where he and Sibylla lived for more than 40 years. They moved to Delaware in 2003. Gilbert was known to family and friends as a staunch patriot, a great story teller, a man who never met a stranger, and a man who demonstrated how to love unconditionally. He was a true hero.

Gilbert faced many health challenges in his later years but fought bravely each time. Although age and illness had taken their toll, he was beloved at his last residence at Brandywine, Fenwick Island. His final illness was brief and he left this world peacefully.

Gilbert is survived by his loving wife and “angel” of 63 years, Sibylla. He also leaves behind two daughters, Diana Gresham (Bob) and Karen Pharr (Don), three grandchildren, Kimberly Gettier, Carissa Hall, and Rob Gresham and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister and brother and is survived by three sisters and a brother.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Clarksville Chapel, 34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, DE. where friends may call one hour prior to services. Interment with military honors will follow at 1:00 PM at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, DE.



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Memorial contributions are suggested to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963

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PD

Pat And Burnell Ditch posted:

Sibylla, We wish to let you know that our boys wanted you to know they were sorry to hear of Gilbert's passing. They thought he was a great gentleman and they always asked about him. Our prayers are with you. Pat and Burnell with you.

September 30 at 8:00 PM

RL

Ron Labarre posted:

He was a great guy and a good friend of mine. So sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers to his family. Sincerely, Ron LaBarre from Point Pleasant, Glen Burnie, Maryland

September 25 at 8:00 PM

JD

Jeffrey M. Diehl posted:

Even though I was young I have many fond memories of Mr. buffaloe. I frequently think about him and his family even though I have not seen them in 30 years. That's the kind of impression he leaves on you. God Bless.

September 24 at 8:00 PM

RF

Randy Fordyce posted:

Col Buffaloe was my 1st "boss" I started working for him when I was about 10 years old. He taught me to do things right and finish the job. He gave me chances to grow but was strict about getting what he paid for. He let me mow grass, edge the side walks, pull weeds from the flower bed, shovel snow, wash cars and other things. He was as much a teacher and friend as a boss. I last saw him in 2004 at my mothers funeral and we had a great time rehashing my childhood employment. I will miss him a lot. Mrs Buffaloe, Karen and Diana I am sorry he is gone but I am glad you had him as long as you did.

September 22 at 8:00 PM

JW

Joyce West posted:

My love to all the family. Uncle Gib is at peace and without pain. I loved visiting the Buffaloe Family many times and Uncle Gib and the whole family was so loving and welcoming to me. I will miss his regular phone calls where he always ended with I love you Joyce and your whole family and he always asked about everyone. God Bless all of you. Love Joyce

September 22 at 8:00 PM



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EH

Eve Zlotowski Hardy posted:

My deepest condolences on your loss. I had the honor and privilege to grow up next door to a wonderful man who will be missed greatly! God Bless you Mr. Gill!!

September 22 at 8:00 PM

SD

Smitty & Doris posted:

Karen, Don and family Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you; as you deal with the loss of your Dad. Gilbert will always be remembered for the kind man with a smile. May all of those special memories carry you through this sorrowful time. We Care and send our love, Smitty and Doris

September 21 at 8:00 PM

SY

Scott And Shelli Yoho posted:

Heard many stories about Gib and our father, Bob Yoho. We were blessed to visit Gib and Sibylla this time last year and enjoyed our time together. Our prayers go out to the family. Hoosier Love Scott & Shelli

September 21 at 8:00 PM

KB

Karen Bergbauer posted:

To Diana and Family - Sending thoughts and prayers your way. Karen B.

September 21 at 8:00 PM

PB

Pat And Debbie Brannon posted:

Our deepest sympathy to your families. I remember your father as being a very kind giving man and nice to talk to. May God bless him. Love Pat and Debbie

September 20 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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