



Billy Gilpin

November 23, 1940 - May 21, 2013

Bill, born on November 23, 1940 in Clarksville, TN, passed away on May 21, 2013, with his loving wife of 50 years by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mildred Gilpin; and his grandson, Brenden. Bill is survived by his wife, Deanne; children, Sabrina Peake and husband Brad; David Gilpin and partner Brian Eagan; Laura Tannhauser and husband Bill; grandchildren, Tamson, Shauntelle and Hannah; and mother-in-law, Rosemary Balcer; as well as numerous other beloved family members and friends. Bill served proudly in the United States Army. He enjoyed a long career in the aerospace and computer industries, proud that his fingerprints were on NASA's first manned flight to the moon, as well as on one of the first mass produced personal computers ever made. Bill worked for The US Army, Lockheed Martin, Chrysler Space Division, Singer Business Machines, Digital Equipment Corporation, Motorola, and Compaq Computer Corporation. Bill was quick witted, extremely intelligent, an amazing electric bass player, and devoted member of the Catholic Community. His passions included traveling in his motorhome, performing with the Church choir, and mostly his soul mate and "split-apart" Deanne. Cremation has taken place. A Rosary will be recited on Friday, June 7, 2013, at 5 p.m. at John XXIII Catholic Community, 4831 Tramway Ridge Drive NE. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Arkad Biczak on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at the Church. Private interment will take place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to The Bill Gilpin Guitar Foundation,

3736 Eubank Blvd NE, Suite B-2, Albuquerque, NM 87111. The funds will be used to honor Bill Gilpin by enriching the Community with music, music education, and music therapy.

Tribute Wall



“ *This one is for you Gpa. Love you so much. You will always be in my thoughts.* ”



Tamson Pomerleau - April 01, 2014 at 01:14 PM



“ *Merry Christmas Gpa. I love you and miss you so much. You are always in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Tamson Pomerleau - December 25, 2013 at 02:02 PM



“ *I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



KR

“ I know that Bill will be missed dearly by many many people. He definatly left his mark here on earth as God's servant. He was always so welcoming with his sweet smile and his loving eyes. I will be praying that your hearts will be in the palm of Jesus' hand carrying you through this until the day that you all meet him face to face again in heaven. I praise God that we have that hope in seeing our loved ones again in heaven. Praise God his suffering is over and he is preparing a place in heaven for your family!! love you guys, Kim

Kim Rodgers - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Dear Wendy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. I will forever cherish your photo from this years Christmas card. I remember Mr. Gilpin playing the banjo and smiling like it was the easiest thing in the world to do! I am sure he is now playing with a band of angels and just loving it. Thinking of you and sending my love. Wendy aka Kara

Kara Shukis Janicki - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Billy is now playing the guitar for us up in heaven ! May he rest in peace! Joseph & Antonia Muhlberger

Joseph & Antonia Muhlberger - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ May you rest comfortably in peace in the presence of our Lord.

Phyllis Kane - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Gilpin Family, Our hearts go out to you at this time of loss. We have many good memories of your family. We pray that our heavenly Father diminishes your grief and replaces it with a calm heart.

Lou and Arlene Feltz - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dad took his last breath with his loving wife of 51 years telling him what a wonderful husband and father he was...and he truly was an amazing man. I was proud of his intelligence and will miss his quick wit, unfaltering love, personal and business advice, and acceptance of the way I live my life. Your strong and steady light will never fade...it continues in all the lives you touched. I love you Dad. Goodbye. Your son, David

David T. Gilpin - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ It is an honor to be your son-in-law.

Bill - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ YOU ARE THE BEST DAD EVER!

Laura - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Billy, I cannot wait to get to heaven to hear you play the bass and to hear your one lined very dry jokes.....see you soon my friend.....;)

Tom and Sherri Bailey - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God be with you and all your family. Mark and Doretta Chavez

Mark and Doretta Chavez - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Dear "Wendy", My thoughts and prayers are with you! I will forever cherish the picture you sent in last years Christmas card. Mr. Gilpin was a talented musician and I remember him playing the banjo. My love to your whole family. Love, "Wendy"

Kara Shukis Janicki - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

Shelia Hocker - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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