



Gilbert Lawrence Butler

June 7, 1947 - March 8, 2019

Gilbert Lawrence Butler was born June 7, 1947 in Salem, Missouri to Walter Lawrence and Dorothy Mae (Quinley) Butler and passed away March 8, 2019 at St. Luke's Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri at the age of seventy-one years.

Gilbert grew up on the family farm east of Salem, Missouri. He attended William Lynch, Salem Middle School and Salem High School where he graduated from. Gilbert enlisted in the United States Army in 1965. He served one tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966-1967 in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He returned to Salem and worked for AMAX (which is now Doe Run) at the smelter until he was laid off. He then worked at Mooney Auto Supply for twenty-five years. Gilbert also worked on the family farm as a boy and after his Army service.

He loved hunting, fishing, shooting and reloading. Gilbert enjoyed being outdoors and working on the farm. He was also a very successful church league softball pitcher; including a perfect 12-0 record in 1975. Gilbert was a life long active member of Salem Christian Church where he also served many years as a deacon, elder and Sunday School teacher. He was also a long time member of the NRA, Missouri Sport Shooters.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Walter and Dorothy Butler.

Survivors include his wife, Margie L. Butler of the home in Salem, MO; and son, Benjamin Butler of Salem, MO.

Gilbert will be sadly and deeply missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Funeral service for Gilbert Lawrence Butler was held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Salem Christian Church with Pastor Tim Hill officiating. Special music selections were played. Serving as pallbearers were Keith Inman, James Heavin, Sandy Stephens, B.L. Butler, Paul Loker, and Earl Brown. Interment was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Gilbert Butler. I am very sad to learn of Gilberts passing. I became aquatinted with Gilbert back in the 1980s when my family and I first moved to Salem. He worked for several years at Mooney Auto supply where I would talk to him on a daily basis. Either by phone at the store or when he would deliver parts to the shop. He was a good man and an even better friend. I always knew that if I needed someone for help Gilbert would be the first to show up. He will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. >>> Leonard Layton, Salem, MO.

Leonard Layton - March 20, 2019 at 02:24 PM

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“ My cousin Gilbert and I spent some quality time together in Salem when we were teenagers. He was a great role model and was very good to me growing up. In later years, will remember Gilbert from my visits to Salem Christian Church. He will be missed. Steve Hendricks from St. Louis, MO.

Steve Hendricks - March 12, 2019 at 01:03 PM

NR

“ Sorry to hear of Gilbert's passing. Praying for you guys. If you need help with anything please let me know.

Nathan Ragsdale - March 11, 2019 at 11:33 PM

DL

“ Sorry to hear of Gilbert's passing. I worked with him at the smelter for a few years and we car pooled much of the time. He also taught me how to run the overhead crane. Prayers for the family. Thought a lot of him. A really nice guy.

Douglas Lane - March 11, 2019 at 09:43 PM

JB

“ Good memories. Gilbert used to spend a lot of time at the Butler Store, visiting with Dad and neighbors and friends, just swapping stories and visiting. As teenagers, we ran around together, played a lot of cards (pinochle), ate home made ice cream, fished etc. He was a good guy and it saddens me that he is no longer with us. He was also a cousin. Rest In Peach my friend. Prayers for the family

James Butler - March 10, 2019 at 08:51 PM