



James B. "Jim" Gilley

May 7, 1927 - December 1, 2012

Big Stone Gap, VA

James B. "Jim" Gilley, 85, passed away on Saturday (December 1, 2012) at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, TN.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap. He was the past owner of Diamond "G" Jewelry, Dari-Delite, and many other ventures during his lifetime. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Big Stone Gap, where he was a member of the Methodist Men. Jim was active in the area, having served on the Wise County Planning Commission, Wise County Industrial Development Authority, and a member of the Wise County Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Big Stone Gap Masonic Lodge #208 A.F. & A.M., the Powell Valley Shrine Club and the Kazim Temple of Roanoke.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Irene K. Gilley; his brother, Kenneth Gilley; four sisters, Maureen Adams, Helen Kelly, Louise Jones and Katherine Duffy; and a daughter-in-law, Joan Gilley.

Surviving are one daughter, Mercedes Wells and her fiancé, Jerry Couch of Johnson City, TN; two sons, Kenny Gilley, and Ralph Gilley and wife, Leslie, both of Big Stone Gap; four grandchildren, Courtney Combs and husband, Michael, Kent Gilley and wife, Susan, Justin Gilley, and Brittany Gilley and

fiancé, Brian Angello; one great granddaughter, Caroline Combs; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church (Wyandotte Ave. and E. 1st. St.) in Big Stone Gap.

An entombment service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Terry Goodman and the Rev.

Ronnie Mutter officiating. Friends and family are asked to meet at the cemetery by 10:50 a.m. on Monday.

Pallbearers will be: Oscar "Boo" Sturgill, Harry Meador, III, Greg Norris, Ron Prewitt, Gary Hall, and Mark Blanken.

The family requests memorials be made to either the Trinity United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 217, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 or to the Southwest Virginia Cancer Center Patient Assistance Fund, 671 Hwy 58, E., Norton, VA 24273.

To view the obituary and send condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gilley family.

Tribute Wall



“ James B. "Jim" Gilley

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ God bless you Uncle Jim. You will be missed!

Suzanne Mainwold - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM



“ Kenny, Mercedes and Ralph, I was saddened to learn of Jimmy's sudden death. You have suffered a great loss. Even through the pain you feel now your heart will remember those shared moments that mean so much. This quote by the late Norman Vincent Peale has been of great comfort to me, "If those that have gone on before are with the Lord and we who are still alive are with the Lord, we cannot be far apart."

The memories of the King and Gilley families shared with my late husband, Claude date back to 1955 at Dunbar. Then moving to East stone Gap in 1960 - good neighbors and long time friends. I enjoyed a visit with Jimmy by telephone recently recalling good times. A few good laughs!

*May you realize the presence of God and the love of friends during these days of adjustments. Be assured of my continued prayers. ---
Sue Quillen, Seymour, Tenn.*

Sue Quillen (Mrs. Claude) - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM



“ We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. God's Comfort.

Kathy & Ronnie Davidson - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

KM

“ We are so sorry for your loss and not being able to be there with you to provide our support and love. We will treasure the time we got to spend together in September at the lake. We love you all very much.

Karen & Bob Moerlein - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Mercedes, I know you have been through a lot this past year, but know that God is with you and watching over. I am glad that your dad and mom are together once again! Take care. Lorena

Lorena Burton - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

AT

“ Dear Mercedes, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know you will miss him. Alice

Alice Terrell - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

WM

“ Condolences to the family.

Walter and Brenda Miller - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

IJ

“ Dear Ralph, Kenny and Mercedes,
You and yours continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad was "one of a kind" - his humor was endless! Cherish all those memories that make you smile.
Love to you all.
Iva Lou and Roy Johnson

Iva Lou Johnson - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

ME

“ *Daddy:
You were always my champion and told me I could do anything. You kindly referred me to your friends as the meanest "BOY" you had and I guess I was.*

Sorry I gave you and mom so much grief.

Glad you are iwth mama now.

We miss you so much.

Mercedes - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

AC

“ *Dear Gilley Family,*

I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man.

We know words cannot heal the pain of losing someone so dear. I pray God will give you the strength to overcome the pain.

Anne Cubine - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM