



## Lowell Harold Gilley

January 8, 1942 - July 2, 2013

East Stone Gap, VA

Lowell Harold Gilley, 71, passed away on Tuesday (July 2, 2013) at his home with his family by his side.

Harold was an accomplished gospel singer. He was a chaplain at Norton Community Hospital. Harold was an ordained minister. He spent his life serving the Lord and always helping, and giving to other people. He was a member of the Palmetto State Quartet. His legacy has been memorialized in a museum in Dollywood, TN.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glen H. Gilley; his mother, Ella Gilley; two brothers, Leonard Gilley and Wayne Gilley.

He is survived by wife, Betty, of the home; three sons, Bryan Gilley of Norton , Tim Gilley and wife Tina of East Stone Gap, VA, and Steve Gilley of Connersville IN; two grandsons, Cody Gilley and Seth Huffman; three granddaughters, Whitney Gilley , Jessica Miles, Hayden Huffman; one brother, John Gilley of East Stone Gap; and a host of very close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends at Holding Funeral Home (17. E. 3rd St. N) on Saturday (July 6, 2013) from 4 until 8 p.m.

The funeral service will be conducted following the visitation in the funeral home chapel with Curtis Rowland, Carlton Rowell and Melvin Eads officiating.

The graveside service will be conducted on Sunday (July 6, 2013) at 10:00 a.m. in the Gilley Family Cemetery.

Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to meet at the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Tim Gilley, Bryan Gilley, Tony Gilley, Marty Gilley, Shane Gibson, and Todd Dalton.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Harold may be made to the Soul Harvest Children Fund, c/o Powell Valley National Bank, 228 E. 5th St., S., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 or at any local branch.

You may go online to view the obituary and sign the guest registry at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Gilley

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowell Harold Gilley*

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October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *I met Harold during his days with the Palmetto State Qt. Having heard his recordings with PSQ, I already knew what a tremendous talent he had, but I was very pleasantly surprised to find that he was such a friendly, humble and decent man who I believe, trully loved His Lord. I am glad I had the opportunity to meet Harold and to tell him in person how much his singing blessed me. Gospel Music has lost the greatest bass voice to ever grace any stage when we lost Harold. I pray that his friends and family will take comfort in knowing we will see Harold again in a land that knows no pain where death will never part us again.*

*Sincerely,  
Greg Carter (another old worn out bass singer...)  
Steel City Qt. Royal Masters Qt. Thrasher Brothers.*

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**Greg Carter** - May 02, 2014 at 11:18 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.*

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**Jody Murphy** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM



“ *Always loved playing with Harold.*

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**David Coomer** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

DH

“ sorry for your loss may God keep and up hold you

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**david hayes** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

JB

“ I met Harold back in the early 90s at the quartet convention . A friend and I were sitting on the steps that lead to the stage. we were singing with the groups, when Harold sat down and started singing with us. I was singing baritone with a local group called the Harbingers and we lost our base singer . We called Harold and he sang with us a few weeks . What a talent. He is the best base singer I ever heard . And what a sense of humor , he kept us laughing . I loved this man like a brother . May God bless the family , I share your loss . James Baker

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**James Baker** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

HC

“ I was sorry to hear of Mr. Gilley's death. I enjoyed hearing him sing when he was with the Palmetto Quartet. As his family, you are in our thoughts at this time.

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**Howard Castle** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

RS

“ I FIRST HEARD HAROLD SING AT BREAKS INST PARK IN THE 60S. THEN WE BECAME AQUAINTED WHEN HE SANG WITH THE BLACKWOODS AT PIGEON FORGE, AND THEN WITH PALMETTO STATE. SUCH A VOICE HE HAD HE AND YOUNCE WERE MY FAVORITES. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED HERE BY MANY FRIENDS. BLESS YOU HAROLD GILLEY FOR ALL THE GOOD SINGING ON THIS SIDE OF ETERNITY.

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**ROBERT & JEANETTE MAYS SR** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

EB

“ WE HAD GREAT TIMES TOGETHER AT CONCERTS AND ALSO AT THE GRAND OLD GOSPEL IN SC. THE LAST TIME WE WAS TOGETHER IN SC WE SAT TOGETHER AND I GAVE HIM MY NEW PIANO CD AND HE GAVE ME HIS NEW CD WHAT A FRIEND AND A BASS SINGER HE WILL BE MISSED BUT IN HEAVEN THAT HAVE GAIN A REAL BASS SINGER; LORD WE ASK FOR YOUR TOUCH FOR THE FAMILY

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**EARL BREWER** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

BL

“ *Our Prayers and thought are with you and your Family May God Bless*

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**Barbara Ann David Lawrence** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

RW

“ *I was sorry to hear of your loss. Harold was a Good friend to me and always had time to talk. I might add to he was a great Bass Singer and will be missed by many of his fans like me. Your loss is Heavens Gain. We will see Harold again in the great choir in Heaven. You folks are in our thoughts and prayers. We loved harold and we love yall too. God Bless and may he fill the void with his LOVE.*

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**Rev. Ken williams** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM

DB

“ I was privileged to play the piano for the Powell River Boys in Big Stone Gap, VA when Harold was their bass singer in the early 1960s. Who would have thought this young man would have become such a well known bass singer in the gospel music industry!!

*I remember when he told Mother he and Betty were to marry, and how very happy he was. God's blessings to you, Betty, and to your family.*

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**Delores Bowling Beason** - December 10, 2013 at 08:09 AM