



Lester E. Gilbert

March 10, 1946 - April 1, 2018

Lester E. Gilbert, 72, of Grantville, passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2018, at his home. He was the husband of the late Gayle M. Stravinsky Gilbert.

Born in Mahanoy City on March 10, 1946, he was the son of the late Lester and Grace Defrehn Gilbert. Lester retired from the Naval Inventory Control Point in Mechanicsburg, where he was a mathematician. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jonestown. Lester enjoyed golfing, skiing, going on cruises and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son Matthew J. and his wife Megan Gilbert of Lebanon and his grandchildren Jaxon and Olivia.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Rt. 72 & Camp Meeting Rd., Jonestown. A viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will be held at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 897, Hershey, PA 17033.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory
5 Campmeeting Road
Jonestown, PA 17038
(717) 865-5215

Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Matt and family,*

I've known Les for 5 decades, at work and on the ballfield. He was a quiet professional at work who occasionally would raise his voice to make a point. It was never to put someone down, but only to stress his (usually valid) belief in the discussion. On the softball field, Les was a steady infielder who just loved to play. He was a good hitter, a skilled gloves-man, and a great teammate. We shared lots of fun hours playing on and off the Navy base. And in retirement, Les was a regular at our Math/ORA retirees luncheons. Just last Thursday I was sitting across from him at our most recent get-together and we were talking the usual: about sports, travel, health issues and finances. Les always had an opinion about the subject at hand. I can't believe he is gone from us. But it points out the frailty and preciousness of life. God speed Les. We will miss you.

Bill Campbell

Bill Campbell - April 03, 2018 at 05:11 PM

CB

“ Matt and family, please accept my condolences. Over some 25 years I worked with Les on various projects. I will always remember him for his helpful attitude and for the care with which he examined some change or other to supply calculations or procedures. He was an expert on the Variable Operating and Safety Level (VOSL) model used to calculate levels for consumable items. By segmenting inventories and changing parameters, the manager could manage inventory investment and performance in an environment of random demands for repair parts.

As an application of this process, Navy in the early 1990s consolidated regional inventories from many supply departments to a few to save infrastructure dollars. Les was one of the experts who helped predict how this would affect supply performance for activities giving up control of the inventories. Later, in about 1998, Navy gave up its financial control of recruit inventories for uniforms and the like to Defense Logistics Agency. On travel to the Great Lakes IL training facility, Les was the key analyst in ensuring Navy demand data were included in DLA requirement calculations.

His helpful and patient attitude with non-experts, as well as his thoroughness, is something I have drawn inspiration from. Much later, at retiree luncheons, he explained what it was like to volunteer at a golf tournament. He could be matter-of-fact and emphatic in the same sentence. I'm lucky to have known him, and will miss him.

Charles J. Bondi

C Bondi - April 03, 2018 at 11:39 AM

DU

“ Matt and Family ... My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I started with the Navy back in 1980. Les was my mentor and friend. He will be missed by many many people.

Don Uvick - April 03, 2018 at 09:36 AM

GT

“ Matt, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have known your Dad for many years. Bless you all and keep strong . May he rest in peace. Harold and Gladys Trexler Ringtown.

gladys Trexler - April 03, 2018 at 08:20 AM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss 😞😞

rose stravinsky - April 03, 2018 at 08:20 AM

JE

“ *Matt and family*

I'm so sorry to hear about Les. Your father started working at the depot (aka Plaza 21) a few months after I did in 1974 and joined our lunch group of 4 to 6 fellas who went out to lunch every day. I remember he drove a Dodge Charger, two of the other fellas drove Chevy Chevelles Super Sports. I felt a little outta place driving a Plymouth Duster.

Les was always telling us about Ringtown, his hometown. We had a lot of interesting conversations over the 10 or so years where we shared lunches.

I worked closely with Les for many years, he was dedicated, decisive and dependable.

And in retirement, I looked forward to seeing & chatting with him at our 'regular Math/OR retirees luncheons'

Les touched many folks in his lifetime and there are many of us who will miss him.

I pray that God gives you strength and comfort in the days and years ahead.

Jere Engelman

Jere L Engelman - April 02, 2018 at 11:35 PM

CM

“ Matt and family -- We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He was one of the first folks who "took me under his wing" when I began working at FMSO in 1978. He was a patient teacher and a kind man. I clearly remember how ecstatic he was when you were born, and how happy he and Gayle were! (Our own daughter Rebecca happened to be born the same day 3-6-86, so we often shared stories over the years.) I'm sure your heart is heavy with grief and disbelief right now, and I pray that God will give you strength and wisdom and healing in the days to come. Our Deepest, Sincere Sympathy - Cindy and Ken Miceli



Cynthia J. Miceli - April 02, 2018 at 10:51 PM

KR

“ Matt and family. We are so sorry to learn of Les's passing. We have many good memories of working with him at the Navy depot. Most recently we enjoyed our golf outings with him. When we were planning our cruise last year he was a wealth of information on both the ship and our destination. We will miss him. We pray for comfort and strength for all of you.

Dean and Kathy Reynolds.

Kathy & Dean Reynolds - April 02, 2018 at 05:36 PM