



Jon Brown Gilbert

November 20, 1937 - May 6, 2015

Gilbert, Jon Brown
Saline, MI

Age 77, passed away at his home on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. He was born on November 20, 1937 in Houston, (Harris Co.) Texas, the son of Benjamin Almon and Anabel Cecil (Brown) Gilbert. He graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Houston and was employed with the FAA for over 30 years. He loved Michigan, often calling it "God's Country" and considered himself a hybrid Michigander because his mother was born on the Upper Peninsula and his father was born in the Lower Peninsula. He was a gentle soul with a jovial spirit who enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sarah Florence (Churchill) Gilbert, whom he married on April 4, 1964 at the South Park Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. In addition to his wife, other survivors include his children, Florence Catherine (Kenneth John) Kasper, Jon Brown Gilbert, Jr. and Charles Churchill (Jamie Lynn nee: Leathers) Gilbert, nine grandchildren and his brothers, Earl M. Gilbert, Ben R. Gilbert and James A. Gilbert. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert C. Gilbert. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. until the time of the service at 3:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church 1200 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline, MI with Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle, officiating. Burial will take place privately at the Riverside Cemetery in Hastings (Barry Co.), MI. Memorial

contributions may be made to the United Methodist Camp Scholarship for Developmentally Challenged Persons and envelopes will be available at the church. Please make checks out to the First United Methodist Church Saline. To sign Jon's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Service

MAY 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jon Brown Gilbert*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *John Logan lit a candle in memory of Jon Brown Gilbert*



John Logan - May 11, 2015 at 07:55 AM



“ *Katy Delaney lit a candle in memory of Jon Brown Gilbert*



Katy Delaney - May 11, 2015 at 07:08 AM



Jon was a funny man who always made the office laugh. (ADO)

Katy Delaney - May 11, 2015 at 07:09 AM



“ *I worked with Jon. I have many fond memories; the bugs, the food, the mismatched shoes, the laughs! He was one unique human being! I feel very lucky to have known him. Joyce Henry (ADO)*

Joyce Henry - May 10, 2015 at 02:48 PM

E(

“ *Dear Sarah and Family, I'm sad to receive the news about Brother Jon. I feel very fortunate that I had the opportunity to spend time with you and Jon recently. I have great memories of Jon and the Family and he will be missed by all. I hope you and your family will come to Houston and visit me soon. Sincerely,
Brother Earl*

Earl Gilbert (Brother) - May 10, 2015 at 09:28 AM

BH

“ I'll always remember my Uncle Jon as being smart and having a great sense of humor. My earliest memories of Uncle Jon are centered around a pool table and a ping pong table upstairs in my grandparents' house. When Uncle Jon bestowed the nickname B-bar-b upon me I was thrilled, for in my youthful mind, it confirmed our special bond.

I remember attending a party Uncle Jon and Aunt Sally had at their house in Houston when I was about 7 years old. They served a delicious chip dip that was so tasty, I decided to fill my overcoat pocket with chips and dip before leaving their home (just in case I got hungry on my way home.) When I put the overcoat on to leave, it became obvious that the coat was actually a jacket belonging to a friend of Uncle Jon and not my overcoat. I was frightened to admit what I had done, but Uncle Jon and his friends laughed out loud and made light of the mess in the pocket! He actually made me feel like it was a compliment to him and Aunt Sally that I enjoyed the food that was served!

These simple stories exemplify the Uncle Jon I know, love, and will always remember. I was blessed to visit with him and Aunt Sally while they were in Houston recently. When I hugged him good-bye, he told me, "this will be my last trip to Texas and if you ever want to see me again, you'll have to come to Michigan." Neither of us would have guessed that there would be so little time.

My heartfelt love and sympathy to my lovely Aunt Sally.

To my cousins Jon, Florence, and Charles, and their families, may the peace of our Lord be with you. Your father was so very proud of all of you and never hesitated to sing your praises.

*With Love,
Barbara*

Barbara Holmes - May 09, 2015 at 11:14 PM

FK

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Florence Kasper - May 09, 2015 at 09:57 PM

FK

“ 25 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Florence Kasper - May 09, 2015 at 09:54 PM

BF

“ *Ben & Emily & family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jon Brown Gilbert.*



Ben & Emily & family - May 09, 2015 at 05:46 PM

JL

“ *Jon Gilbert will be truly missed.....although he is happy in Heaven with our Lord, those left behind will miss him.....he was a gentle soul with a ready smile.....always friendly and he loved all those grandchildren.....we've known Jon since their son, Chuck, married our daughter, Jamie, and I can say I will have many pleasant memories of Jon. God Bless, Jon, and go in peace. Jim and Anita Leathers*

Jim and Anita Leathers - May 09, 2015 at 10:24 AM

ST

“ *Gilberts' will be missed.*



Stephanie - May 08, 2015 at 10:13 PM

JG

“ *9 files added to the album New Album Name*



Jamie Gilbert - May 08, 2015 at 02:34 PM

JG

“ 9 files added to the album Jon Gilbert



Jamie Gilbert - May 08, 2015 at 02:29 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Jagiello lit a candle in memory of Jon Brown Gilbert*



Mary Jagiello - May 08, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jon Brown Gilbert.*



May 08, 2015 at 12:38 PM

AD

“ *Arlene Draper lit a candle in memory of Jon Brown Gilbert*



Arlene Draper - May 08, 2015 at 12:36 PM

JG

“ Jon was my "Big Brother".

I could write a War And Peace size novel about all the good times we shared on Austin Street in Houston.

One short story about being the "Little Brother". In 1948 I was little over 2 years old. Jon took me to see my first movie at the Delman theater in Houston. The movie was the Three Musketeers with Gene Kelly as the hero and Lana Turner as the evil women. Kelly has a duel with the very bad henchmen and instead of killing him, Kelly at the end of the duel slices the henchman's pants off and pushes him into a fish pond. Well at 2 I thought that was very very funny. After the movie when Jon and I were walking home he told me he was going to remind me of him taking me to my first movie everyday. So I would remember he did that for me. He did so until I was 7 or 8. Today I still remember him telling me that at the corner of Caroline and Eagle - about 1 block from our Austin Street home and of course the movie.

I have such great memories of Jon and I playing football, baseball, pool, clue, monopoly, pillow fights, hide and seek and the list goes on and on.

We were both fortunate to have loving parents and a great home and place to grow up (Houston). Our Mom and Dad gave us great Christmas, Thanksgivings, birthdays, and a fine Christian home with lots of love.

I will miss my "Big Brother" and he will always be in my thoughts. I know he is blessed and celebrating as a good Christian. Good bless Jon in his next venture of bliss. With love his "Little Brother" Jimmy Gilbert

Jim Gilbert - May 08, 2015 at 12:20 PM

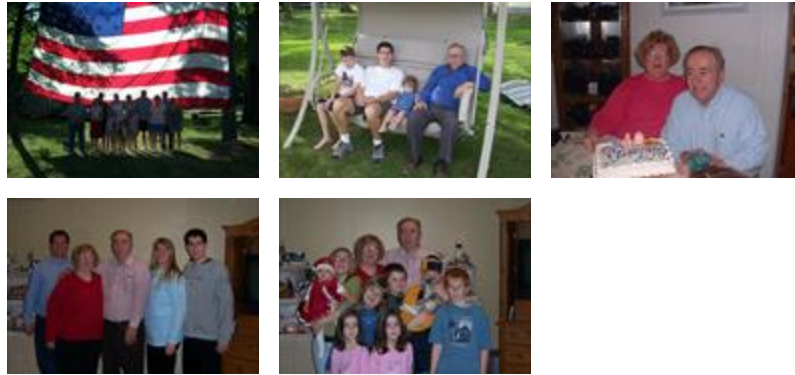
JD

“ I have known the Gilberts for over 30 years, I have been friends with Florence since High School. My fondest memories of Mr. G is that he loved his brown corduroy pants that he wore with his plaid shirt and when he answered the phone, he always said "Stand by please". He was always fun to talk with. He was loved by his family and he will be missed.
Julie Dillon

Julie Dillon - May 08, 2015 at 12:16 PM

FK

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Florence Kasper - May 08, 2015 at 12:09 PM

RF

“ Jon was always friendly and obviously loved his family. He will be sorely missed. I'm sorry the distance prevented our visiting you all.

Robert Fort and family - May 08, 2015 at 11:40 AM

TK

“ *The Forts: Maryann, Aaron, Reine, Dyllan, Alyssa, Katie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jon Brown Gilbert.*



The Forts: Maryann, Aaron, Reine, Dyllan, Alyssa, Katie -
May 08, 2015 at 11:10 AM

MF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. I will miss joking around with Jon whether it was on the phone or in person. I am truly happy divine order prevailed and I got to visit with him this March when ya'll were visiting Texas. Call any time, I am always available to listen.*

Love ya
Maryann Fort

Maryann Fort - May 08, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jon Brown Gilbert.*



May 08, 2015 at 10:14 AM