



Wilford Wayne Gillham

January 28, 1926 - February 14, 2015

Wilfred Wayne Gillham, age 89, passed away at Diversicare in Chanute, KS on Feb. 14, 2015. Wayne was born on Jan. 28, 1926 in Bayard, KS; the son of Walker Albert and Martha Viola (Stark) Gillham. He was raised in Bayard, attending country school for eight years and then high school in Mildred, KS.

Shortly after high school Wayne was drafted into the United States Army, serving in WWII. When he returned from his tour of duty he married Ruth (Spillman) on Sept. 1, 1948 in Mapleton, KS; they shared 66 years of marriage. The couple was blessed with three sons: Terry, Rex, and Charles. The family made their home in Humboldt, KS and Wayne began working for Monarch Cement Company doing various jobs in the quarry. He was with the company for nearly 41 years before his retirement. During his time at Monarch Wayne belonged to the United Cement Lime and Gypsum Worker's Union, serving as their Financial Secretary. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Humboldt where he also served as a deacon.

Wilfred Wayne Gillham was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings: Eileen Gillham, Velma Lucas, Vera Kamping, Gilbert Wells and Wendell Gillham. He is survived by his wife Ruth (Spillman) Gillham of the home in Humboldt; his children: Terry Gillham and wife Beth of Taylor, TX, Rex Gillham and wife Peggy of Haughton, LA, and Charles "Chuck" Gillham and wife Linda of Plevna, KS. Wayne is also survived by five granddaughters and their

spouses: Tammy Burden, Jennifer Anderson, Alisha Blankenship, Becky Diller and Colette Dahmer, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters; also, by many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

The family will meet with friends the evening prior to the service; Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015 from 4:00-6:00PM at Countryside Funeral Home- Humboldt Chapel. Funeral services for Wayne are planned for Thursday, Feb, 19, 2015 at 10:30AM at Humboldt First Baptist Church; burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Humboldt and may be sent in care of Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland Chanute, KS 66720. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

1282 Hawaii Rd.
Humboldt, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Humboldt
908 Central
Humboldt, KS 66748
(620) 473-2311
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

FEB 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

Humboldt First Baptist Church
118 N. 7th
Humboldt, KS 66748

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to the Gillham family and especially to Terry and Rex. I am very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort and peace in the many wonderful memories you have of your father.*

Terry Ortiz Estrella, Denver, Colorado

Terry Estrella - February 20, 2015 at 03:25 PM

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“ *I always enjoyed seeing Wayne when I went to see my Mom, Garland. Sending prayers to Ruth and family.*



Jan Shipley - February 19, 2015 at 09:02 AM

 Cora Dimitt

“ *Condolences to Chuck and Jennifer and Brendan from Chris, Cora, and Courtney.*



Cora Dimitt - February 19, 2015 at 07:22 AM

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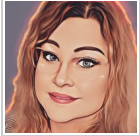
“ *Wayne was always faithful to his family, church and friends. His prayers were a source of close communion to God. He was missed so much when his health failed and he could no longer come to church. He will be sorely missed by his family, church and friends.*

Lyndell and Ruth Ann Mosley - February 18, 2015 at 04:37 PM

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“ Aunt Betty,
Sorry to hear of Uncle Wendell's brother's passing. We are sure he will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. Guy and Regina Young

Regina Young - February 18, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ My fondest memory was playing hide and seek. I remember being little and hiding under the kitchen table, on the chairs and Grandpa not being able to find me. Also, I loved talking to Grandpa over the intercom system that allowed me to buzz him while in the house and Grandpa out in his wood shop. Last, was getting to have Rocky Road ice cream with him in the evenings.
Love you!

*Tammy Burden
Granddaughter*

Tammy Gillham-Burden - February 17, 2015 at 07:18 PM