



## Gerald Dean "Bunk" Gilley

March 11, 2020

Gerald Dean Gilley "Bunk", age 76, of New Castle, DE, tragically passed away in a house fire while trying to rescue the beloved family dog, Lucky, on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Jerry was a loving dad, husband, and PopPop. He retired from GM after 32 years of dedicated service and also worked part-time for Bayshore Ford. After retirement he could be found hanging around General Automotive, turning a wrench every once in awhile. Jerry also enjoyed tinkering with vintage cars and drag racing in Cecil County. He loved watching Gunsmoke, WWE Wrestling, and NASCAR. Many memories were made with the family as they vacationed in Tennessee. Jerry will be deeply missed forever.

Jerry is survived by his cherished wife of 56 years, Pat Gilley; daughters: Melissa Gray (Marc), Karen Yalch, and Becky Gilley; son-in-law, Jim Gripp; siblings: Gaither Gilley, Mary Gordon (Henry), Samuel Gilley (Charlene), Peggy Miller, and David Gilley; brother-in-law, Douglas Hawkins; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Theresa Gripp; sisters, Nancy Hawkins and Elizabeth "Susie" Ann Jones; brother, Robert Gilley; sister-in-law, Peggy Gilley; and brother-in-law, Matthew Miller.

DUE TO THE CURRENT CONVID-19 SITUATION THE SERVICES FOR JERRY HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 100 W. 10th St., Wilmington, DE 19801 or the Helen Graham Cancer Center, 4701 Ogletown-Stanton Rd., Newark, DE 19713. For directions or to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

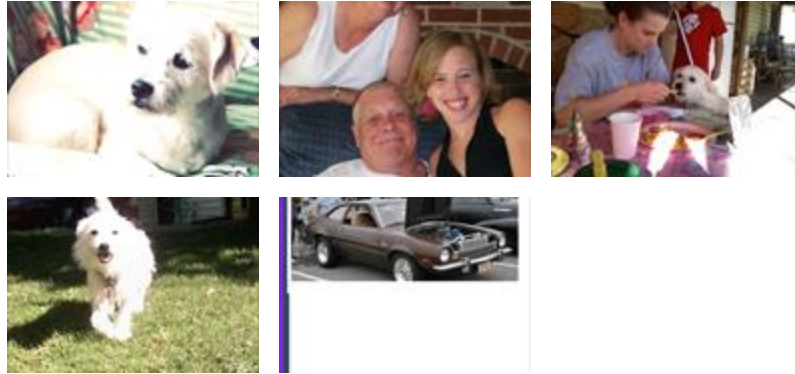
## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



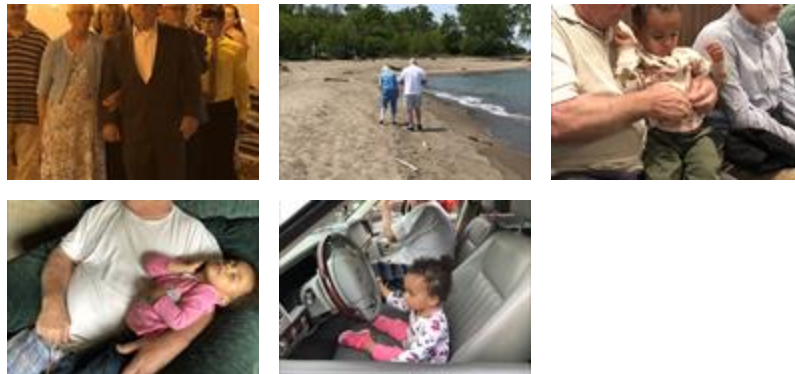
“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Rebecca Gilley - March 21, 2020 at 12:36 AM



“ 19 files added to the album I miss my dad !



Rebecca Gilley - March 21, 2020 at 12:29 AM

MC

“ Gerry was a great man with big heart. Always offering a lending hand while sharing his vast and incredible knowledge of anything to do with keeping a vehicle on the road. You could not have asked for a more friendly and dedicated neighbor.

*Thoughts and prayers for Pat, Melissa, Karen, Becky and their entire extended family.*

*Gerry will be greatly missed by all that were fortunate to have known him.*

*Mark Coursey and family.  
Mark Coursey, Middletown, Delaware*

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**Mark Coursey** - March 17, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ Angelo, Lee, Karen, Stu, Michael and Angelo Rossett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald Dean "Bunk" Gilley.



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**Angelo, Lee, Karen, Stu, Michael and Angelo Rossett** - March 16, 2020 at 04:56 PM

LR

“ Angelo and I send our deepest sympathies to Pat, all the girls, we were neighbors and good friends, and really admired Gerry ! Gerry will be missed, his smile and laughter ! What a unique person he was !

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**LEE Rossetti** - March 16, 2020 at 04:47 PM

DG

“ Dear Pat and family,  
Please accept our most sincere sympathies.  
We are devastated by your tragic loss of your  
Gerry. You were very special next door  
neighbors to our Mom, Dora, for many years.  
Mom was very shaken by the news. May God be by your side and  
send healing. Diane Coursey Gibellino



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**Diane Coursey Gibellino** - March 14, 2020 at 07:35 PM

VS

“ Pat and Girls, I'm so sorry to hear of Gilley's death. I have so many  
fond memories of him and spending time with your family. I will be  
praying for your family and as my father Milt said... "he will be  
missed as he was truly a good friend". ~Vicki Sherman

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**Vicki Sherman** - March 14, 2020 at 08:07 AM

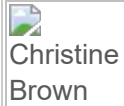
CM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. He  
and Pat were so helpful to Mom when she still  
lived next door. The Gilley Family are loving  
and helpful. I grew up at 26 Paul Rd and it's  
so sad to know that this family has suffered  
such tragedy. I will always remember Gerry's big smile as I walked  
up the driveway to Moms back door. If he was outside he'd always  
holler "Hey girlfriend, how are you doing". Paul Rd will not be the  
same without this good ole boy. Pat and family you are in my  
prayers. I pray God gives you the strength to grieve your loss and  
rebuild your home. Although I am unable to attend the service, I will  
surely be with you in spirit and keep you all in my prayers.  
Carol Coursey Morole



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**carol morole** - March 13, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ I went to high school with his daughter terry and hung with neighbor dawn Sheldon I remember when the floor of her mustang rusted out and he put sheet metal on it



Christine Brown - March 13, 2020 at 09:36 AM

NB

Dear Pat , All your Mahjong friends miss you and send prayers to you and your family.

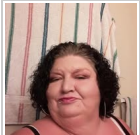
nancy bogart - March 17, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Dean "Bunk" Gilley.

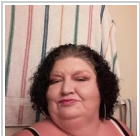


March 13, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ we love you uncle bunk and will miss you so much r.i.p. love you always richard sr richard jr

Tonya Jones - March 13, 2020 at 12:20 AM



“ Tonya Jones lit a candle in memory of Gerald Dean "Bunk" Gilley



Tonya Jones - March 13, 2020 at 12:18 AM

NM

“ *Nancy J McMinn lit a candle in memory of Gerald Dean "Bunk" Gilley*



Nancy J McMinn - March 12, 2020 at 08:49 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Dean "Bunk" Gilley.*



March 12, 2020 at 08:46 PM

CV

“ *Pat, Michael and I were devastated to hear of Gilley's passing. I have so many great memories of the time he and I shared at GM. He looked out for me and I could always depend on him. He was a great guy and a great friend. He will certainly be missed. May God bless you and your family and grant you comfort during this time of bereavement. Love, Cynthia and Michael Vlaun*

Cynthia Vlaun - March 12, 2020 at 08:23 PM