

Obituary of William "Bill" Franklin Gilbert

LEBANON, Va. William "Bill" Franklin Gilbert, 79, of Lebanon, Virginia, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 17, 2015. He was of Baptist faith. Born March 13, 1936, in Welch, W.Va., he was the son of the late Tivis "Tip" and Cornelia Gilbert. Bill served his country in the U.S. Army in the Military Police. He worked as a Neighborhood Youth Corp. Director in Russell County, he also worked in the real estate/construction business and owned and operated several rental properties and operated Crafts & Things with his wife Polly. Bill was an avid lover of animals & enjoyed spending time working on his farm with his horses. He was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Betty Blinne and brother-in-law, George Blinne of New Rochelle, New York; and his brother-in-law, Harry Smith of Roanoke, Va. Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years, Polly Lark Gilbert of Lebanon, Va.; his aunt, Grace Parrott of Cleveland, Va.; brothers-in-law, Jerry Lark and wife, Geneva, of Lebanon, Va., and Bill Lark of Abingdon, Va.; sisters-in-law, Peggy Lacy and husband, Lewis, of Woodlands, Tex., and Patsy Smith of Roanoke, Va.; nephews, Doug Lark and wife, Suzanne, of Lebanon, Va., David Lark of Abingdon, Va., Greg Lacy and wife, Libby, of San Antonio, Texas, Robert Lacy of Woodlands, Tex.; nieces, Janet Lark Musick and husband, Charles, of Lebanon, Va., Karen Horan and husband, Mike, of New Rochelle, N.Y., Angela Snead of Roanoke, Va.; great-nephew, Christopher Horan; great-nieces, Emily Osborn and husband, Matt, Ashley Collins and husband, Clinton, Sarah Snead, Amber Lark, Alyssa Musick, and Alexis Musick; one great-great-nephew, Gabriel Osborn. Serving as pallbearers will be Jerry Lark, Doug Lark, Charles Musick, Clinton Collins, Marvin Statzer, Tommy "Butch" Parrott. Honorary pallbearers will be Michael Horan, James C. Elkins, and Fred Gilbert. The family will receive friends at Combs Funeral Services in Lebanon beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015. Funeral services will follow at 7:30 p. m. with the Rev. Randy Cross officiating. Interment will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at Ketron Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Lebanon. Military rites will be conducted by Lebanon V.F.W Post # 9864. Those wishing to attend should meet at the funeral home by 1 p.m. to go in procession to the mausoleum. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Gilbert family online at www.combsfuneralservice.com.