Wilfred "Will" Eugene Gilmore

November 11, 1930 - January 24, 2019

Wilfred “Will” Eugene Gilmore, 88, of Roswell, New Mexico, has gone to his Heavenly Home, no doubt smiling as he heard, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, will make Thee Ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Matthew 25:21.

Will passed away peacefully at his home in Roswell, surrounded by his family, following a courageous battle with an illness on Thursday, January 24, 2019. Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for Wilfred’s family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Services: There will be a Viewing and Visitation at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service Celebration of Wilfred’s purpose driven life at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery.

Will was born on the family farm in Barkeyville, Venango County, Pennsylvania, on November 11, 1930. He always enjoyed his birthday falling on Armistice Day, a school holiday. Will was the fourth son to the late Walter and Bernice Gilmore. In 1948, Will met his wife, Tootie, of sixty-nine years, Tootie was riding her bike, Will was on his Cushman motor scooter. He aided her effort up the hills, pulling her bike with his scooter. On September 30,

1949, they were married in Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

While serving in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Will was called to active duty in 1950, due to the Korean War. He served in Germany, then returned to Pennsylvania. Following the birth of his daughters, Debbie, Barbara, and Marylee, the family moved to Foreman, Arkansas, in 1958. Will worked as a powerhouse maintenance operator at a cement plant. In 1960, the family moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where David was born. Will worked for Transwestern Pipeline, including four years at the Mountainaire Pumping Station, with the rest of his twenty-five years spent based in Roswell. Will retired and remained in Roswell.

Friends and family will remember Will as an honest, selfless, patient, kind, humble, joyful, always there, hero, smiling, Mr. fix it, creative, giving, good storyteller, full of grace, helping others, innovative, and resourceful. His numerous projects and handy work leave behind reminders of Will’s thoughtfulness, hard work, and love.

Will’s Christian faith sustained him throughout his life's journey on earth.

Preceded: Wilfred is preceded in death by his grandsons, Dylan Davis and Blake Keddrell; parents, Walter and Bernice Gilmore; and brothers: Charles (Bette), Donald (Mary), and Glenn.

Pallbearers: Chosen to serve as Pallbearers will be Darrell Davis, Darren Davis, Justin Wassil, Alec Keddrell, Thomas Zens, and John Bullock.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
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Service

JAN **31**. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

Wilfred "Will" Eugene Gilmore

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

PO

Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire Gimore family as they now say their final goodbyes.
David & I will miss seeing Mr. & Mrs. Gilmore busy outside building and doing things together. Through the 25 years being their neighbor's we were blessed with their kindness. In our early years Mr. Gilmore saw my husband and I struggling to get out some dying olive trees and without asking us he started up his tractor and pushed over the stubborn trees.
Always seeing the smoking chimney kept my imagination going as to what project Mr. Gilmore might be tackling in his shop. I loved seeing him out and about riding his tractor.
About four years back I was spreading a dump truck load of sand in my horse enclosure and Mr. Gilmore again started up his tractor and taught my husband how to work the levers to finish spreading our sand. My husband was so thrilled with that act of kindness and the thrill of using a tractor for his first time.
Our hearts are broken for each of your loss and pray our God will carry you all through these coming difficult days. I'm sad the littlest babies won't know their Great Great Grandpa and hope all the family members share their loving memories so the youngest feels a connection to their passing elder.
Our hearts and prayers are with you. God bless you Mrs. Gilmore!

Patricia & David O'Bryon - January 31, 2019 at 04:37 PM

LM

LADONNA MCILWAIN purchased the Tender Trib ute for the family of Wilfred "Will" Eugene Gilmore.

LADONNA MCILWAIN - January 30, 2019 at 11:40 PM

CR

Mr. Gilmore was one of the kindest and most gentle men I've ever known. Always had a smile for everyone. May God comfort his dear wife and children.

Carole Roberson - January 30, 2019 at 03:18 PM

CF

Carole Roberson, Janet Kedzie, & the Shears Famiy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spr ay for the family of Wilfred "Will" Eugene Gilmore.

Carole Roberson, Janet Kedzie, & the Shears Famiy - January 30, 2019 at 03:02 PM

JM

Will was the nicest man ever he was caring and giving always a smile. I am honored to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jerri Mcdonald and family

Jerri McDonald - January 28, 2019 at 02:14 PM

ED

Uncle Wilfred always reminded me of my father, Charles Gilmore. He was the spitting image of my father, and his amazing smile always reminded me of his gentle nature. A deeply kind man, he took great care of my grandma all her life. I'll never forget the summers I spent with him and my cousins David, Barb, and Mary-Lee--some of the most fun times of my life. He was the last of my father's brothers, and I'm so sad he's gone. I loved him dearly.

From Esther Gilmore Dix

ESTHER DIX - January 26, 2019 at 05:35 PM

FO

Wilfred was a very kind and gentle person, always willing to lend a hand when needed. It seemed there wasn't anything he couldn't fix. We shall miss him very much but know there was rejoicing in heaven last Thursday when he went home to be with the Lord. Our love and prayers to all the family.

Frankie and Judy Owen - January 26, 2019 at 01:14 PM

The Skip Owen family sends there thoughts and prayers!

Tracy Vogan - January 26, 2019 at 11:01 AM

DT

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Duane & Audra Trussell - January 25, 2019 at 10:28 PM

AC

My sympathy to the family.

Alice Cooper - January 25, 2019 at 10:11 PM