



## Gerald Duane Gilliland

June 29, 1933 - March 3, 2018

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Gerald Duane Gilliland, 84, US veteran, lifelong Dewey resident and retired Bartlesville firefighter, died Saturday in Dewey.

Gerald was born the son of Carl Edward and Bernice Maud (Phillips) Gilliland on June 29, 1933 in Dewey. He was raised in Dewey, graduating from Dewey High School with the Class of 1951. During his school days he was a natural at playing basketball. He eventually went on to play for three different colleges before giving it up due to his knee. Gerald served in the US Army during the Korean War and used his talent to play basketball all over Europe during his service years. He met and married Mary Elizabeth Sauer or “Moe” as she was affectionately known on May 31, 1957. Gerald enjoyed his 20 year career as a firefighter and rescue diver with the Bartlesville Fire Department, retiring as a captain in 1980. He was recognized by a vote of his peers as the first recipient of the Bartlesville Firefighter of the Year. Once retired he pursued his passion for running cattle and operating oil leases in three counties. Moe preceded him in death in 2003. Gerald found love for a second time marrying Patricia Ishem of Wichita, Ks.

Gerald loved the Lord. He studied the bible daily and took every opportunity to share God’s Word with those he met. He was strong-willed and followed God’s direction set out for his life. Gerald was a storyteller and had many stories about the experiences – big and small - that shaped his life. He loved his family and one special trip stood out when he and Moe took all of the grandkids in their motorhome to Seattle, Washington, to attend the Junior Olympics to watch his grandson Jared compete in the pole vault.

Gerald is survived by three children, Steven Michael Gilliland of Jenks, Lisa Minor and Mike of South Coffeyville, and Brenda Gilliland Remington and David of Dewey; wife Patricia Ishem; three brothers, Carl Edward Gilliland of Locust Grove, Dan Gilliland and Jane of Skiatook, and John Gilliland of Prattville; five grandchildren, Kelsi Swaim and Landon, Landon Minor and Amanda, Lauren Story and Thomas, Cody Gilliland and Connie Gilliland; and five great grandchildren, Emme, Cooper, Crew, Cal and Quinn. He is preceded in death by his first wife Mary and one grandson Jared Minor in 2002.

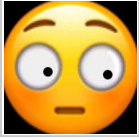
Visitation will be held on Tues. 12-8 pm at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030,

113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey. Graveside services will be on Wed. March 7, at 10 am, at the Dewey Cemetery, with Mr. Jack Carter officiating. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Gerald's family at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Dewey Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall



“ I will never forget his last "wave" and those last 4 precious words that I heard him say to me with that grin on his face



Bob Orr - March 13, 2018 at 06:44 PM

BG

Bob Orr, boy whore? 🤔

Brenda Gilliland - December 03, 2024 at 03:49 PM

KG

“ We are so sadden for you. Praying God will give you strength and comfort during this time and the days ahead. But isn't it a comfort to know your Dad is now with your Mom and Jared. How wonderful that is. We are keeping you all in our hearts and prayers.



Karen and Bill Greenburg

Karen Greenburg - March 06, 2018 at 06:55 PM

JB

“ JOHNNY BUSH lit a candle in memory of Gerald Duane Gilliland



JOHNNY BUSH - March 06, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Duane Gilliland.



March 06, 2018 at 10:59 AM

JC

“ *Janie Stull Collins lit a candle in memory of Gerald Duane Gilliland*



Janie Stull Collins - March 06, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Duane Gilliland.*



March 06, 2018 at 02:26 AM

DH

“ *Denise Hicks lit a candle in memory of Gerald Duane Gilliland*




Denise Hicks - March 06, 2018 at 01:40 AM

DG

“ *I don't remember a time that Uncle Jerry didn't have a smile on his face. I always laugh when I think about the time that Clay and I visited him at the farm. We helped him corral a calf. He told me to run behind it and flail my arms. Haha. That was pretty exciting for a city girl, and he told me that I did a great job. Uncle Jerry was a good man for sure. He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers.*



Darla Gilliland - March 05, 2018 at 08:48 PM

 Brenda Remingt

*I can picture you doing that, Darla. 😊*

Brenda Remington - March 13, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Duane Gilliland.*



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March 05, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ *I'm gonna miss you "Grampy", I loved playing shuffleboard with you and I appreciate the passion you had for the game, the funny part was how competitive you were! I always got a chuckle when we played against each other and you would tell me how you was gonna win and then smile with a gleam in your eye as I would laugh and tell you how wrong you were about that because I was gonna win! Great memories Grampy! Thank you for those! Fly high my friend, see ya on the other side!*

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**Pam Elvington** - March 05, 2018 at 05:20 PM



Brenda Remingt

😊 *Thanks, Pam.*

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**Brenda Remington** - March 13, 2018 at 02:46 PM