



## James C. Gilbert

March 30, 1938 - December 7, 2019

James C. Gilbert, 81, of Fitchburg, died peacefully Saturday morning, December 7, 2019 in the Health Alliance Leominster Hospital after a brief battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Jim was born in Gettysburg, PA on March 30, 1938 the son of the late William and Catherine (Poulson) Gilbert.

After high school, Jim joined the U.S. Navy and served for four years before re-enlisting in the U.S. Army where he served for 16 years prior to his retirement as a Warrant Officer 2nd Class in 1978. He was a Vietnam veteran and received several honors including the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. While stationed at Fort Devens, Jim met Camilla, his lifetime love, and they married at Fort Derussy in Hawaii.

After his retirement from the service, Jim worked as a test engineer and manager for Digital Equipment Corporation. In his retirement Jim stayed busy working as a computer instructor and was currently working as a tax preparer for H & R Block.

Jim had a kind and generous heart, and was always there with his easy smile for anyone in need. He was a dedicated member of St. Joseph's Parish in Fitchburg and volunteered his time there to clean the church, in addition to

helping with meals on wheels. He was an avid sports fan and faithfully rooted for the Baltimore Orioles and Pittsburg Steelers.

Jim's greatest joy came from spending time with his family. He leaves his wife, and best friend, of 48 years, Camilla R. (Thibodeau) Gilbert of Fitchburg; two daughters, Jennifer C. Gilbert of Leominster and Kristina J. Wentworth and her husband Gordon of Webster, in whom he took so much pride; a loyal sister; Shirley Biser of Gettysburg, PA; two granddaughters whom he wholeheartedly cherished, Amelia and Charlotte Wentworth; nephews, nieces and his dog Fluffy, always a faithful companion and walking partner.

Jim is predeceased by his sister, Doris Cullison.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 9:30 AM in St. Joseph's Church, 49 Woodland St., Fitchburg. Burial with full military honors will follow in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, December 10, from 4 to 7 PM in the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon St., Fitchburg.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at <https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/ways-to-give>.

# Cemetery Details

## Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery

111 Glenallen Street  
Winchendon, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home - Fitchburg  
316 Clarendon Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(978) 343-4407

## Funeral Mass

DEC 11. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church  
49 Woodland St.  
Fitchburg, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your lost and i'm going to miss Jim this tax season. He was a pleasure to work with and i always had chocolate in my desk for him when he needed a chocolate fix.  
donna ledger

donna ledger - December 09, 2019 at 12:38 PM

AL

“ so sorry for your loss sister Camilla daughter,Kristina, Jenn , granddaughter Amelia, & Charlotte also son in law Gordon he will be missed he was a very good man ,father ,husband ,grandfather i'm glad we had his visit last summer our sympathy he will be remember by our family you will be in our prayers .

alvetta - December 09, 2019 at 11:44 AM

JL

“ Camilla ,Jen and Kristina  
So sorry for your loss .He was a great ,kind and loving man who was proud of his family.and loved them very much...I'm sure he will be missed by all who knew him

With all my Love JoAnne xoxo

JoAnne LeBlanc - December 09, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ Mom, Jeremy and I got a chance to see Jim when we in Canada this past summer. I'm so happy we got to go visit with him. I always saw Jim with a warm, welcoming smile, that will be my beautiful memory of Jim. May he fly with the Angels. We loved you very much Jim. 🥰

Denise Roy - December 08, 2019 at 06:06 PM

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“ to matante and the girls sorry about your loss we prayed for uncle jim i guess someone needed him more up there i ll always remember him when i think of you jen and christina i love talking to him about his military service and politics he always had a smile and never had a bad word to say about anybody he was one of my favorite uncle . love Junior. Ross's favorite memory was when Uncle Jim made pancakes for her and Juniors breakfast when they went down for Denise's wedding. It was the first time she had met him. We will miss hi9m dearly, love Ross and Junior.

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**Rosslyn Richard** - December 08, 2019 at 11:32 AM

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“ Ron & Heather And Family lit a candle in memory of James C. Gilbert



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**Ron & Heather and Family** - December 08, 2019 at 11:09 AM