



Grover Gilbert Jessen

May 26, 1943 - March 31, 2024

Grover "Gil" Gilbert Jessen, a jack of all trades, passed away on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. Gil, 80, was born on May 26, 1943, in Dallas, Texas, the son of Clarence John and Dorothy (Harvey) Jessen. In 1965, Gil enlisted in the United States Army where he proudly served in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1968 and he was awarded 3 Purple Hearts for his service towards his country. While at a party with his friend, Gil met Marilyn Bowden. His piercing blue eyes and being dressed in his military uniform won Marilyn's heart. On April 12, 1969, the couple was married. Gil earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nuclear Medicine from Duke University. To this day he was an avid Duke Blue Devils fan. He worked for 55 plus years in the medical field as a Nuclear Medicine Tech.

Family meant the world to Gil. He loved playing, coaching, and officiating hockey. The family spent their summers at the family cottage on Houghton Lake. Later in his life Gil took up a passion for cooking alongside his daughter Missy. His love for the outdoors led to countless fishing and hunting adventures. Gil had a strong respect for different genres of music. He was an active member of the New Hope Community Church, devoting his life to the Lord, and loved reading his bible. Above all his biggest joy in life was being with his family.

Gil is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marilyn; children, John Jessen, and

Melissa "Missy" Jessen; sister, Jan Marie Jessen. He was predeceased by his parents; and best friend, Joseph Schwartz.

Friends are encouraged to support Gil's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 12:00 Noon at the New Hope Community Church in Charlotte with Pastors Randy Royston and Victor Williams officiating. A visitation will be held just prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until noon. There will be a luncheon following the service for a time of continuing fellowship. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to New Hope Community Church. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Community Church
436 W. Harris
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Grover Gilbert Jessen*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 26, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ *Gil was the best. Enjoyed working along side of him at the Potterville Food Bank*

Stephanie Schultz - April 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 26, 2024 at 12:05 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 25, 2024 at 03:40 PM

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“ Rob & Tracy Piskorowski purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Grover Gilbert Jessen.



Rob & Tracy Piskorowski - April 23, 2024 at 12:24 PM

MJ

“ Melissa Jessen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grover Gilbert Jessen.

Melissa Jessen - April 19, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grover Gilbert Jessen.*



April 19, 2024 at 04:51 PM



“ *Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS*

ECHRS - April 08, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *Tamara, Larisa, Val Ustinov purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Grover Gilbert Jessen.*



Tamara, Larisa, Val Ustinov - April 08, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grover Gilbert Jessen.*



April 08, 2024 at 10:14 AM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the album Pictures



John Jessen - April 05, 2024 at 12:56 PM

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They had a love for each other that so many strive for

Cassandra Hughes - April 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM