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From My Precious In

Remembering the life of...

Gilbert “Gil” Smith, of Devils Lake passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at CHI, St. Alexius, Devils Lake Hospital at the age of 83.

Gilbert was born to Gilbert and Myrtle (Walker) Smith on May 20, 1941, He was schooled in Hampden, North Dakota until the 8th grade. Gilbert enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard on February 6, 1969. Gil was united in marriage to his precious Mary “Connie” Rice in 1962 and they established their home in Devils Lake where they lived, worked, and raised their family. Connie died on August 5, 2015.

Gil worked various truck driving jobs in his lifetime. The last few years of his life he worked at Prairie View School as a janitor. He enjoyed his time working with the kids at the school. He had his favorites that he loved to tease. He also enjoyed working with his ladies, the teachers, at the school.

He is survived by his loving family. His daughters Lori Hadlock, Lancaster, California and Joan Ross (James) of Webster, North Dakota; sons Tracy Smith (Judy) of Addison, New York and Donald Smith (Jackie) of Corpus Christi, Texas; grandchildren Tristan Ross, William (Hayley) Ross, Kelvin Smith, Tiesa Smith, Blake (Katie) Hadlock, Kevin (Adrian) Ross, Bethany (Alex) Hadlock, Traylynn Smith, Jacob Smith, Dakota Smith, Reagan Smith, Katie Wilson and Micki Rathman; great grandchildren Jillian Ross, Christopher Ross, Blaze Lees, TJ Lees, Trey Lees, Blaine Kendall and Sawyer Preston Ross; brother Jack (Dixie) Smith; sister Barbra (Dave) Olson; sisters-in-law Ida (Larry) Miller, Gloria Smith, Doris Anderson as well as many nieces and nephews.

Gil was preceded in death by his wife Mary “Connie” Smith, parents, brother Tom Smith, son-in-law William Craig Hadlock, grandson Trevor Hadlock, brothers-in-law Jack Rice and Jerome Rice, sister-in-law Elizabeth Reiger, father-in-law and mother-in-law Vernon and Mable Rice, step father Lyle Mahoney.



Dear God,

*Bless this truck I drive,
and help me keep someone alive.*

*Be my mortal sight today
on streets where little children play.*

*Help me not to fall as sleep
when the night is long and deep.
And keep my cargo safe and sound,
through the hours big and round.*

*Make my judgment sound as steel,
and be my hands up on the wheel.*

*Bless the traveler going past,
and teach him not to go so fast.*

*Give me the strength for every trip,
so I may care for what they slip.*

*And make me miffed every mile,
that life is just a little while.
Amen.*



Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts

Gilbert B. Smith

***Beloved Dad, Grandpa,
Great Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, Friend***

May 20, 1941 ~ September 19, 2024

GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, September 26, 2024 ~ 3:00 p.m.

Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel

OFFICIANT

Reverend Mr. Ken Severinsson, Deacon

SPECIAL MUSIC

Special Recordings chosen by the family

URN BEARERS

William "Joey" Ross and Kevin Ross

HONORARY BEARERS

Gil's Coffee Buddies at the

White House Café, Cedar Inn Restaurant,

Mr. and Mrs J's Restaurant

The Faculty of Prairie View School

Barry Schwan, Kelly Smeltzer, Gary Reiger,

Wayne Eback, Mark and Jode Mercer,

Shane and Mindy Cavanaugh, Randy Kraft,

Kevin Simms, Brad Larson, John Emerson,

Tracy Leppard

Special Niece, Carol Greywater

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Beside his beloved Connie & with his buddy Vicky

MILITARY HONORS

Accorded by the Neathery-Simensen Post #756

Devils Lake Veterans of Foreign Wars

North Dakota Military Funeral Honors Team