

# Steve Dean Gilbert

February 2, 1944 - December 15, 2020



# Cheryl Gay Gilbert

October 2, 1945 - April 22, 2022

Celebrating the Lives of  
**Steve Dean Gilbert & Cheryl Gay Gilbert**  
Saturday, April 30, 2022 4:00 p.m.  
Meadows Church of Christ  
Beaumont, Texas

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*  
(Song #296 vs 1-2, 4)

Obituary

Remembrances  
Tollie Corder & Guy Crabtree

*“Blessed Assurance”*  
(Song #541)

Eulogy 1  
Rick Walker

*“Amazing Grace”*  
(Song #125 vs 1-3, 6)

Eulogy 2  
Rick Walker

A Time of Sharing

*“How Great Thou Art”*  
(Song #19 vs 1, 4)

Prayer  
Del Barnett

Video  
*“I Can Only Imagine”*  
by MercyMe

## *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
    He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the  
    path of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
    shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
        for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
    Thou preparest a table before me  
    in the presence of mine enemies.  
    Thou anointest my head with oil;  
        my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
    all the days of my life; and I  
    will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



**Steve Dean Gilbert**, 76, left this earthly realm December 15, 2020, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, TX.

He was born on February 2, 1944, to Georgina Samples-Gilbert and Charles Dean Gilbert in Phoenix, AZ.

As a boy, he was raised in the hard-working, farming community of Glendale, Arizona. He graduated from Glendale High School in 1962, excelling in athletics, track and football in particular. He subsequently attended the

University of Arizona on a full football scholarship.

Following college, Steve served with the Phoenix Police Department in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In the 1970s, he followed in his father-in-law's footsteps and embarked on a new career in the automotive industry, working at O'Rielly Chevrolet in Tucson, Arizona.

While living in Arizona, he was a vigilant disciple of Christ at Palo Verde Church of Christ. He faithfully served at the Mount Graham Church of Christ Bible Camp for years, helping to expose children and young adults to both the wonders of the outdoors and the word of God.

After working for years in Arizona, his career path took Steve and his family to Beaumont, TX in 1984. He served as the Fixed Operations Manager at Chevyland (now Classic Chevrolet) into the early 1990s. Sadly, his working career was cut short following his diagnosis with a body-wide, autoimmune peripheral neuropathy which subsequently resulted in full disability.

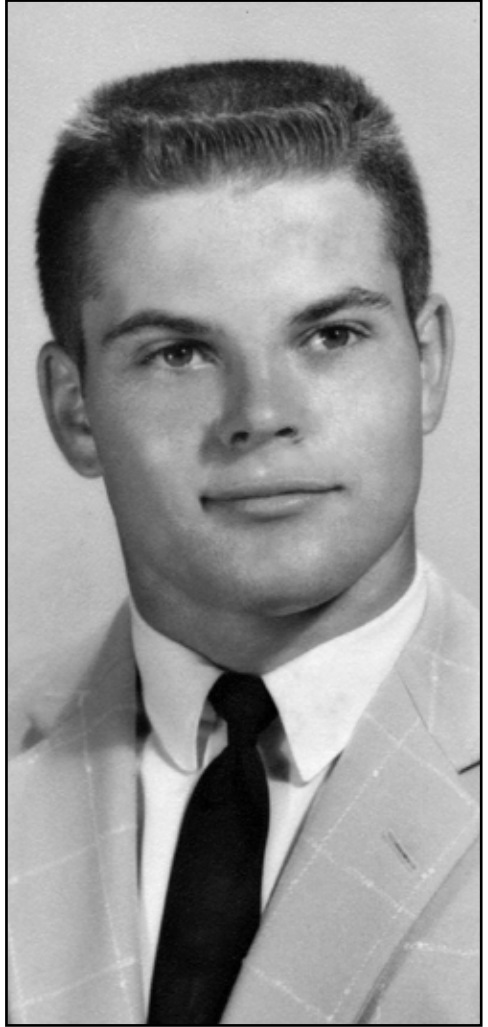
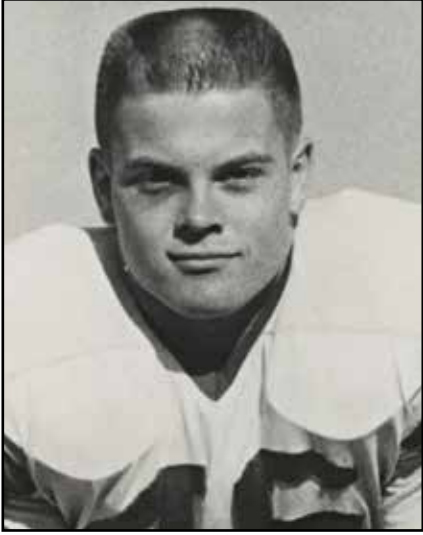
He will be forever fondly remembered as a man of the Lord; a hard-working, dedicated, and loving father; and as a true friend to countless individuals. He loved fishing, reading, Max's Polish Sausages, gum drops, Boston-baked beans, peanut M&Ms; and the Discovery, National Geographic, and Fox News Channels.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Gilbert; son, Steven Gilbert from Dallas; daughter, Shelley Gilbert-Harlan of Beaumont; and his grandchildren, Megan Harlan, Jackson Harlan, and Matthew Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Georgina and Charles Gilbert; brother, George "Buddy" Gilbert; and sister, Jane Gilbert-McAllister.

We wish to extend a special thank you from the Gilbert and Harlan families to all of the friends, physicians, nurses, and other health care workers who have maintained friendships and helped provide care to Steve over the many years of his illness. While words insufficiently express our thanks, we are indebted to each of you for all of your assistance, compassion, and dedicated care.







**Cheryl Gay Gilbert**, 76, entered the Savior's merciful embrace April 22, 2022, at Harbor House Hospice in Beaumont, TX.

She was born on October 2, 1945, to Mary Elizabeth Rogers-Luehrs and Carleton Jasper Luehrs in Cleveland, OH. Cheryl graduated from Glendale High School in 1963. While in high school, she served as a member of the student council, pep squad, and the varsity cheerleading squad. She was selected as a member of the homecoming court by her peers on multiple occasions.

Following graduation, she married her high school sweetheart Steve Dean Gilbert in 1964.

For a brief time, she was employed by Valley National Bank in Phoenix, AZ. Cheryl eventually left the financial industry to dedicate her time and energy to raising a family in Phoenix, and after a move, subsequently, Tucson, AZ.

While living in Tucson, she was a devout follower of Christ. She attended Palo Verde Church of Christ, eventually forming close, lifelong bonds with many in the congregation who remain "family" to this day.

In 1984, Cheryl and family moved to Beaumont, TX. While in Beaumont, she worked for a few years at the Kitchen Shop. Eventually she joined the sales staff at Dillard's, working at the Estée Lauder counter until recurrent Breast cancer forced her permanent retirement in 2019. While working at Dillard's, she quickly became one the highest producing Estée Lauder Product Specialists in the entire nation and was a member of the Dillard's President's Club for decades as recognition for outstanding sales.

While in Beaumont, she was a devoted attendee of worship and fellowship at Westgate Church of Christ, and subsequently, Meadows Church of Christ.



She will be forever remembered as a woman of God, a nurturing and loving mother, and as a doting grandmother. Cheryl GENUINELY loved people, enriching the lives of those she encountered in both small and large ways alike. That she would strike up a spontaneous conversation with anyone, anywhere, at any time is certainly not a surprise to anyone who knew her well. If phones exist in heaven, she is sure to be on one speaking to someone now.

Cheryl loved Christmas, and anything Christmas-related! She single-handedly increased the market capitalization of Starbucks by millions. She was a passionate shopper and had a propensity to focus on “just looking” at items only a billionaire could afford! And, tortilla chips were her nemesis!!

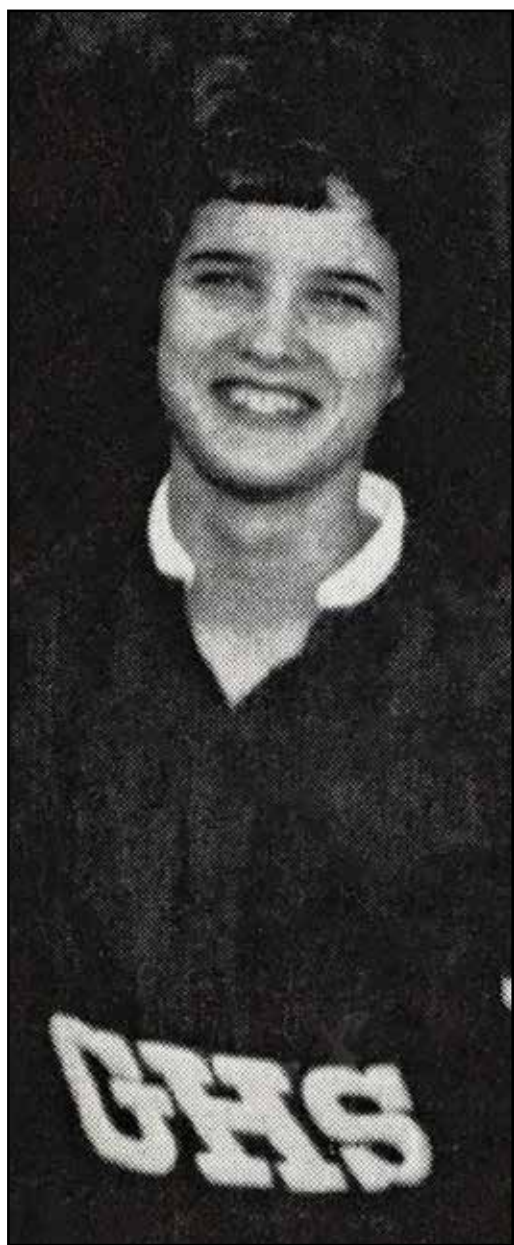
Cheryl is loved by many and will be missed.

Survivors include her son, Steven Gilbert from Dallas; daughter, Shelley Gilbert-Harlan of Beaumont; her grandchildren, Megan Harlan, Jackson Harlan, and Matthew Harlan; brother, Robert (Bob) Luehrs from Bend, OR; and sisters, Terri Pezzi from Orlando, FL and Mary Smith, from Tucson, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carlton Jasper Luehrs and Mary Elizabeth Rogers-Luehrs.

We wish to extend a special thank you from the Gilbert and Harlan families to all of the friends, physicians, nurses, and other health care workers who have maintained friendships and helped provide care to Cheryl over the many years of her illness, particularly Dr. Melani at Texas Oncology in Beaumont, TX and Dr. Booser, at M.D. Anderson in Houston, TX. While words insufficiently express our thanks, we are indebted to each of you for all of your assistance, compassion, and dedicated care.



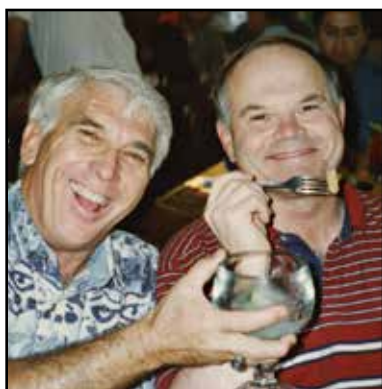








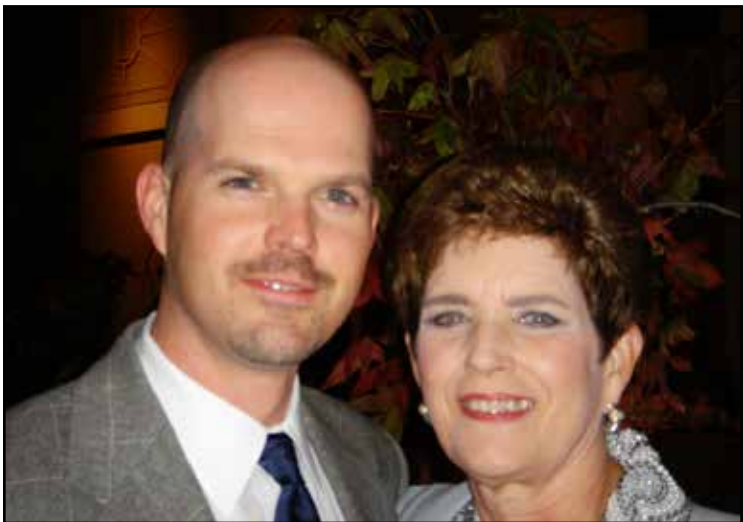




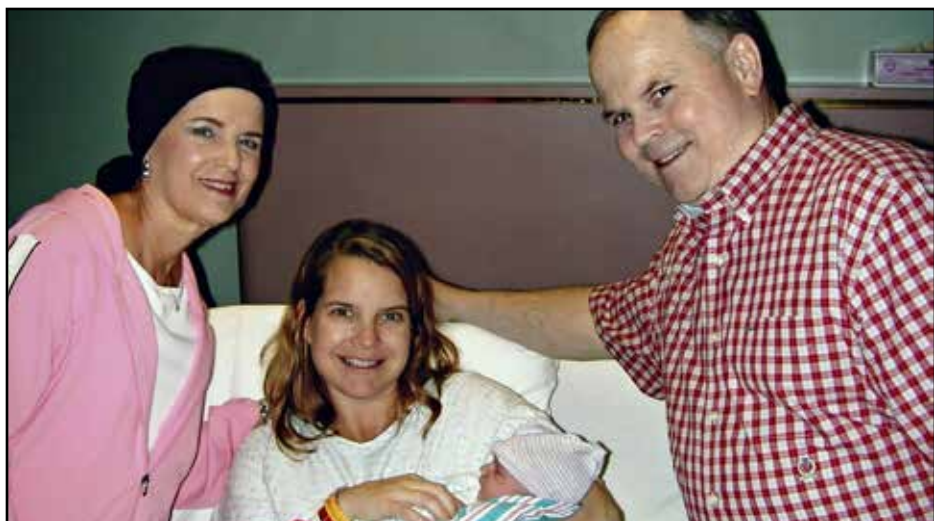
















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