



## Jerry C Gillum

March 14, 1933 - April 26, 2018

Jerry C. Gillum, 85, a Bluffton resident, went to be with his Lord on Thursday evening, April 26, 2018, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Jerry was born on March 14, 1933 in Portland, Indiana to Carl & Thelma (Girton) Gillum. He graduated from Pennville High School in 1952, where he was on the basketball team. He honorably served our country in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956, during the Korean War. Jerry worked at Kreesges Distribution in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring in 1992 and is a longtime member of Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton.

On May 11, 1957 in Bluffton, Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Barbara (Petro) Gillum.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Barbara along with children; Tamara (Donny) Wall of Huntington, Jeffrey Gillum of Lancaster, Ohio, Michael (Karen) Gillum of Yoder and Tonya (Ed) Birkey of Leo, along with 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and a sister Iris (Chuck) Wilson of Fort Wayne.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Doug & Paul Gillum.

Funeral Services for Jerry will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday (May 1st) at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton. Pastors Gary Aupperle & Matt Hartsell will officiate.

Entombment will follow at the Northridge Mausoleum at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton, with military honors by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Air Force Honor Guard. Calling hours will be held from 10 to 12 Noon on Monday in the Foltz Room at Heritage Pointe in Warren and from 2 to 8 on Monday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to Heritage Pointe or DAV – Disabled American Veterans.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Northridge Community Mausoleum located in Fairview Cemetery

3101 East St. Rd. 124  
Bluffton, In

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Foltz Room at Heritage Pointe  
801 North Huntington Ave  
Warren, IN 46792

### Visitation

APR 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

### Visitation

MAY 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Hope Missionary Church  
429 E. Dustman Rd.  
Bluffton, IN

### Service

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>



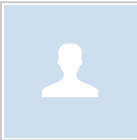
# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry C Gillum*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 30, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Jerry C Gillum*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Barbara, I am sorry for your loss but have joy in my heart to know that Jerry is in Heaven! We will visit there someday even though on this earth, we didn't cross paths. Jerry was my first boyfriend (you have probably heard that before) when we were in the 6th or 7th grade. And you and I were cheerleaders together for a short time. Such good memories. I love the Lord and want to share Him with all my friends. Iris and I kept track of each other for a few years but I haven't talked with her for a long time. I am on facebook if either of you want to talk. Rita Earehart Rodgers, Youngstown, OH*

Rita Earehart Rodgers - May 02, 2018 at 10:56 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. I truly enjoyed working with Jerry at Heritage Pointe - he always kept me on my toes. Jill Huston*

Jill Huston - April 30, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ *I will never forget the day he wrecked his scooter in the ditch when him and BoB was coming to our softball game.. Or the time I got the call that he was in a bush and me and Shanda and Laura went out behind HP and there was Bob but no Jerry then we looked a little closer and there he was in a bush on his scooter.. Such an amazing fun guy.. So glad I had the oppertunity to take care of him.. RIH Jer Bear*

Vikki VanNess - April 28, 2018 at 11:57 PM

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“ *Vikki VanNess lit a candle in memory of Jerry C Gillum*



Vikki VanNess - April 28, 2018 at 11:53 PM



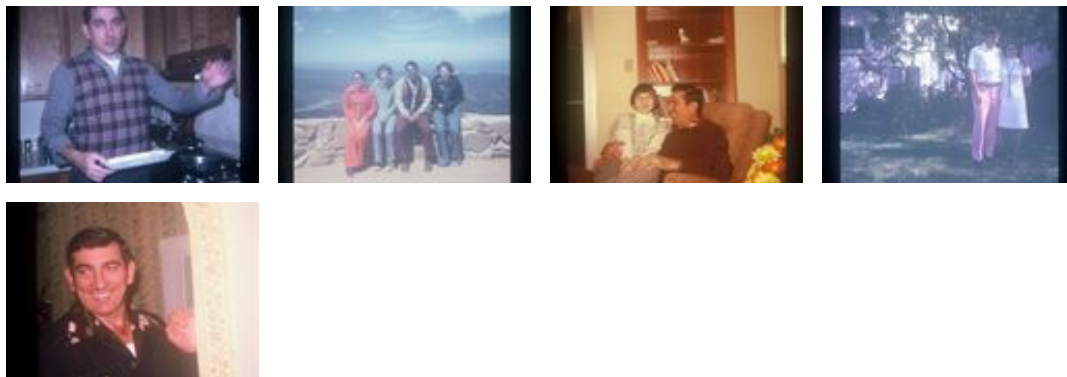
“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry C Gillum.*



April 28, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ *79 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - April 28, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Jerry C Gillum.*



April 27, 2018 at 04:48 PM

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“ Jeannie Flowers lit a candle in memory of Jerry C Gillum



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jeannie flowers - April 27, 2018 at 04:09 PM

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*Barbra and family,so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing.I worked with Jerry at K-Mart Distribution center for 29 years.Jerry was a very nice person to work with and Had a lot of fun with him.We will miss him also.Tom and Vonetta Trowbridge Kendallville,In,formally of Churubusco,In.*

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Thomas E Trowbridge Sr - April 28, 2018 at 08:37 AM

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*Heartfelt condolences from the Loretta (Green)(Penrod) Slater family.*

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Loretta Slater - April 28, 2018 at 02:12 PM