



William Gilley

October 1, 1938 - May 5, 2017

Gilley, William R. (Bill), 78 William (Bill) Rayford Gilley, 78, of Ocala, FL passed away May 5th, 2017. He was born October 1st, 1938 in Whitesburg, GA to Charlie T. Gilley and Evie L. Gilley. Bill was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy for 35 years. He retired in 1976 from the USS Hunley in Charleston, SC and finished his career at the Naval Shipyard in the electronics shop. He then permanently retired to Ocala in 1993. He sailed many years in the "big pond" and saw many countries in his career. Bill made a lasting impression on everyone he met in his lifetime. He loved family gatherings, gardening, wood working and cooking. Famously known for his cheesecakes! He was a diehard Green Bay Packer fan and loved watching and going to Nascar races. He was a long time Richard Petty fan! He was predeceased by his parents, sister Mary Collins and son Ricky Gilley. Bill is survived by his wife, Libby of 22 years; beloved daughter, Karen Gilley-Pyle (Alan). Brothers Charles Gilley and Clifford Gilley (Carolyn); Sister Carolyn Weldon (Jerry); combined family, Debra Caulder, Frankie Mullis, Theresa Malinowsky, Eddie Miller, Neenie Waczkowski, and Patty Dinges,. 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren, plus several nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Gilley family, I am very sorry for your loss. A scripture that encouraged me very much when my grandma died is Psalms 34:18. It says "Jehovah is close to the broken-hearted and those who are crushed in spirit he saves."

Kelsey - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM