

## Arnold John Gilbert

March 28, 1951 - August 26, 2018

Arnold John R. Gilbert of Remington, Indiana passed away at his home on Sunday, August 26, 2018, surrounded by his loving family.

Arnold was born in Castlewood, Virginia on March 28, 1951, the son of Emory Ralph and Goldie Myree (Austin) Gilbert. He moved with his family to Rensselaer where he attended the Rensselaer Central Schools and obtained his GED. He later moved to Remington where he resided for many years. He had served with the Indiana National Guard. A self-employed construction contractor, he was the owner and operator of Gilbert Excavating. Arnold loved woodworking and made many beautiful articles for his family and friends. He enjoyed drag racing and spending days at the drag race track.

Arnold was fondly known as "little Arnie" and will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Surviving are his loving children, daughter Kimberly A. Wright of Lafayette, IN and Scott M. Gilbert (Mary Jo) of Rensselaer, IN; grandchildren Treasure Gilbert, Jaylen Gilbert, Noah Bierma, and Hayden Wright, great-granddaughter Emberlynn Jeanne Gilbert and two sisters, Dorothy Lefler (Jim) of Castlewood, VA and Louella Fellmy. Arnold was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Goldie Gilbert and his former wife and mother of his children, Jeanne Mitchell Gilbert.

Friends may visit with the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. CDT. Funeral service for Arnold will be held at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. CDT with Rev. Elizabeth Hartmann officiating. Burial will take place in Castlewood, Virginia.

Memorials may be made to Franciscan Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
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## Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Arnold John Gilbert*



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - August 28, 2018 at 12:18 PM

CA

*The video was great*

**Carol Arbuckle** - August 28, 2018 at 05:47 PM

DL

*So glad you enjoyed it.*

**Dorothy Gilbert Lefler** - September 04, 2018 at 08:35 PM

BO

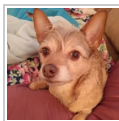
*I miss him everyday. I watch the video each day just to see his face.*

**Bobbi** - September 21, 2018 at 05:18 PM

TG

*Video was moving... I wish my own health had allowed me to see him. I'll miss my cousin, I have some great memories.*  
*Tom Gilbert*

**Tom Gilbert** - September 22, 2018 at 10:09 PM



*Happy Birthday. Always in my heart.*

**Roberta Steele** - March 28, 2021 at 04:24 PM

RS

*Always and Forever in My heart.*

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**roberta j steele** - August 27, 2023 at 12:45 PM

DL

“ Remembering you today on the 5th anniversary of your passing. These 5 years have flown by, and it seems like only yesterday that we were able to talk face to face or by phone. I miss spending time with you!!!! And I miss being able to go to you for answers to questions I always knew that you would be able to answer!!!! A 14 year old boy from our neighborhood came to the door yesterday asking if we had any work he could do (mow lawn, detail car/truck, etc). He wanted to earn money to get a truck to fix up prior to getting his license. His entrepreneurship reminded me so much of you!!! I was always proud to have you as my Little Brother! Love, D

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**Dorothy Lefler** - August 26, 2023 at 03:02 PM

DM

“ Four long years have passed since you spread your wings and flew away, but not a day has gone by that you haven't been in my thoughts. I love you dearly, Little Brother, and I miss you so much. I know you're free of pain and that's what comforts me each day.  
Your loving sis DMGL

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**DMGL** - August 26, 2022 at 03:21 PM

DO

“ Merry Christmas, Little Brother. I miss you so much, but I hold onto the great memories of the time we shared, and the fun we had together. I give thanks to God that you're no longer suffering. We saw Scott a couple of weeks ago and left off gifts for all of them. You are going to be a big part of their Christmas this year because of the gifts I made them. Your Emmy is just a little doll (as Mother would say). She is now 4 and just a joy to be around. Jim and I had the pleasure of spending some time with her in the Smokies this summer...such fun. You would just love her!!!! Tonight's the night the jolly old man comes to visit, so this elf has more things to get done before then. Merry Christmas to you with much love from your loving sister, Dorothy



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Dorothy - December 24, 2021 at 04:07 PM

DL

“ Happy Easter, Arnie. Just was thinking of you and wanted to tell you that I love you and I miss you, Dorothy

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Dorothy Lefler - April 04, 2021 at 09:07 PM

DO

“ HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY, Little Brother. I'm sure you're having a fabulous celebration in heaven. Jim and I miss you very much and we look forward to seeing you when our time on earth is done. We love you so much Dorothy 💕

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Dorothy - March 28, 2021 at 02:57 PM

DO

“ Merry Christmas, Little Brother. On this day my thoughts travel back in time to the many Christmases we shared and what memories I have. Like I remember when you got your first wind-up train set...and your very first bicycle. I envied you so!!! How could Santa bring you a bike and not me?!?! Thanks for letting me ride it, even if it was a "boys" bike and not a "girls" bike. Years later, I had to dole out a fortune to you at 50 cents per hour to have the pleasure of riding your bike, a different one than that original one, of course. Thanks for being my dear little brother. I have always loved you, and I always will. Promise. I will end by telling you what a beautiful little girl your Emmy Jeanne is. She walks, she talks and she is just adorable. You would be so proud!!!!!! You have a wonderful family, as do I.  
Love you so much, and miss you more than I can say, Dorothy



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Dorothy - December 25, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DO

“ Arnie, Just returned from a trip to see our girls and grandchildren. Also got to see Scott & Mary Jo who shared pictures of Emmy's 3rd birthday party. What a little doll she is. She is just adorable. Scott is such a great grandpa to her, and Mary Jo is a wonderful grandmother. You would be so proud of all of them. I do so wish you could be here to experience your great-granddaughter. You would spoil the daylight out of her. Hopefully we will get to see Emmy next month. We are looking forward to that. Hopefully Covid 19 doesn't cause us to cancel our trip. I think of you daily, miss you terribly, and thank God that He placed you in my life as my dear loving brother. Till next time, Your loving sister Dorothy



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Dorothy - November 12, 2020 at 12:20 PM

DL

“ Little Brother, Today marks the anniversary of the day you left this life two years ago. The time has gone by so quickly!!! Not a day goes by that I don't think of you, and long to see you, to talk to you. I miss you so much!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What gets me through is the knowledge that you are no longer in pain. Remembering how you suffered hurts, but you were tough and you were a great example of courage. I am so proud of how you handled your self in the face of adversity. Always know how much you are loved and how much I valued you. Someday we will meet again, and what a glorious day that will be. I love you, Dorothy



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**Dorothy Gilbert Lefler** - August 26, 2020 at 10:05 AM

BS

*Arni, I think about you everyday  
I remember all the times we shared  
Love of my life*

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**Bobbi Steele** - August 26, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DL

“ Happy 4th of July. Little Brother. I love you and I miss you !!!! Dorothy



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**Dorothy Gilbert Lefler** - July 04, 2020 at 12:09 AM

BO

*True love runs deep in my heart  
Bobbi*

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**Bobbi** - August 10, 2020 at 11:49 PM

DL

“ Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday, Dearest Brother, Happy Birthday to you!!! That night 69 years ago when you made your grand entrance into this world is vivid in my mind today. I can recall it like it was yesterday. In fact, I just might remember it better than I remember yesterday. HaHa. It was such a great event for me, and I was always proud to have you as my "little brother". We shared many happy times together and my mind overflows with great memories. I miss you so much, but I am so glad you are now "free", with no more pain. Remembering you with much love,  
Dorothy



*P.S. Jim was always proud to have you as a "brother", as well, and he sends birthday wishes.*

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**Dorothy & Jim Lefler** - March 28, 2020 at 11:19 AM

DL

“ Merry Christmas, Little Brother. We love you dearly and miss you so much!!!!  
Love Dorothy & Jim



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**Dorothy & Jim Lefler** - December 24, 2019 at 01:02 AM

DL

“ Dear AJRG, On this the 1 year anniversary of the day you winged your way to heaven, I just want to tell you how special it was for me to have you as my "little brother". We shared a special friendship, a special bond and we were always there for each other, no matter what.



Not many siblings are that fortunate. It has been a difficult year without you, but knowing that you are no longer suffering, no longer in pain has gotten me through. I often go to the phone to call you, to check on how you're doing, to just hear your voice, or to ask you a question that only you would know the answer to, then I realize that you're not going to answer, so I talk to you anyway. I am looking forward to that glorious day when we once again meet face to face, along with Mother & Daddy and all the others of our family who have gone before. We'll have a wonderful family reunion!!! Until that day, just know that I love you dearly, miss you in a really big way, and am grateful for the time we had to spend together here on earth. I treasure the memories and the good times we had. Remember how much all of us love you, and how much of an impact you had on so many lives. You left your mark, and people won't soon forget that. Rest in Peace, AJRG. I LOVE YOU, Dorothy (Jim sends his love, too)

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**Dorothy Lefler** - August 26, 2019 at 11:35 AM

DL

“ Happy Easter!! We miss you so much!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Love, Dorothy and Jim



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**Dorothy & Jim Lefler** - April 21, 2019 at 05:28 PM

DL

“ Arnie,  
*Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday, Little Brother, Happy Birthday to you. I remember the night you were born so well. You left me 7 months ago, and although I'm so glad that you are now in your heavenly home with Jesus and all of our departed family members, and YOU ARE FREE OF PAIN, I miss you so much. You will always be with me in my heart, and someday we will see each other again.*  
*Love You, Miss You, Dorothy*



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**Dorothy Lefler** - March 28, 2019 at 11:07 AM

DJ

“ We just wanted to send our love to you on this "day of love", so Happy Valentine's Day, Dear Little Brother. We miss you soooooooo much!!!!!! Dorothy & Jim



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**Dorothy & Jim** - February 14, 2019 at 09:07 PM

DL

“ Dorothy Lefler sent a virtual gift in memory of Arnold John Gilbert



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**Dorothy Lefler** - October 07, 2018 at 03:16 PM

TG

“ Tom Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Arnold John Gilbert



Tom Gilbert - September 22, 2018 at 10:10 PM

DL

Tommy, Thank you for this tribute. Love, Dorothy

Dorothy Lefler - September 23, 2018 at 02:02 PM

JL

“ Dear Arnie, When I married your sister Dorothy, I had no idea I would get such a wonderful brother as well in the bargain! With your passing, so many memories about you, about experiences we shared, and so on come flooding back. The only consolation I can see in looking right now at your leaving us, is that you were able to leave your pain behind as well. In that regard, you are such a great role model in terms of how you dealt with your pain and still strived to "keep on going" every minute, every hour, every day despite the agony. You kept such a good attitude! You are now truly in a "better place". I look forward to being in that place myself someday. So, I close simply by saying, "See you later"! Proud to be your brother, Jim



Jim Lefler - September 04, 2018 at 10:09 PM

DL

“ Little Brother, I miss you so much, but I am so happy that you are no longer in pain. I will forever cherish the brother-sister relationship we had and the memories we shared. You were the best brother any girl could ever have, and I thank you for always being there for me. Now I do have one question: Who am I going to turn to when I need to call you to find an answer that only you know the answer to?



Until my time is up and I meet you in heaven, always know that I LOVE YOU,  
Dorothy

Dorothy Gilbert Lefler - September 04, 2018 at 08:46 PM

RP

“ To the family of Arnold Gilbert. You have my sincere sympathy.

Rodney Pitstick - September 03, 2018 at 09:28 PM

DL

Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy for my brother.

Dorothy Gilbert Lefler - September 04, 2018 at 08:34 PM

GR

“ I am so very sorry for your loss... What a great man Arnie was! The first time I met him was when I walked into the Pizza King uptown... Everyone knew Arnie!!! He will be missed.... Prayers to you all...

Ginny Reames - August 29, 2018 at 12:28 PM

DL

Thank you for your expression of sympathy, for your kind words, and for your prayers. So happy to hear from people he came into contact with.

Dorothy Gilbert Lefler - September 04, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold John Gilbert.*



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August 29, 2018 at 02:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arnold John Gilbert.*



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August 28, 2018 at 11:03 PM

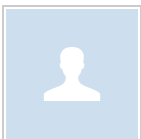


“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arnold John Gilbert.*



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August 28, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold John Gilbert.*



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August 28, 2018 at 05:42 PM

CA

“ *I am so sorry for the family's loss. When I owned the Remington Café he was a regular customer and had done some work for me. He was truly a good guy.*

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**Carol Arbuckle** - August 28, 2018 at 05:30 PM

DL

*On behalf of Arnie's entire family, I thank you for your kind words and expression of sympathy.*

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**Dorothy Gilbert Lefler** - September 04, 2018 at 08:28 PM

BO

“ *Always in my HEART.*

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**Bobbi** - August 28, 2018 at 01:25 PM

DO

*Bobbi, Thank you for loving my brother.*

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**Dorrie** - September 04, 2018 at 08:26 PM

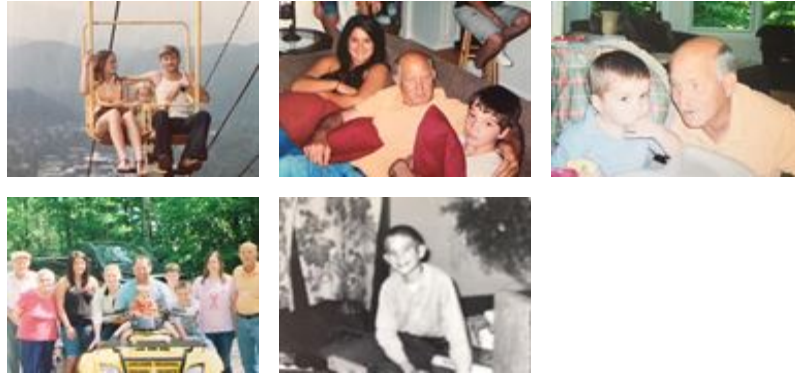
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*I loved him with all my heart.*

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**Bobbi** - September 21, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - August 28, 2018 at 10:57 AM

DL

*Jackson's, Thank you for posting these pictures of the life of my dear brother.*

**Dorothy Gilbert Lefler** - September 04, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arnold John Gilbert.*



August 27, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arnold John Gilbert.*



August 27, 2018 at 06:16 PM

LA

“ Thoughts & prayers for Arnys family! My mom loved him, I loved him & my husband loved him! He was so fun to talk to! Rest easy!

**Lori Aichner** - August 27, 2018 at 04:48 PM

DL

*Arnie's family sincerely appreciates your kind words. Thank you.*

**Dorothy Gilbert Lefler** - September 04, 2018 at 08:23 PM