

Gilbert Howard Nannenga

August 18, 1933 - November 17, 2025

Gilbert Howard Nannenga of Demotte, Indiana passed away peacefully at home on Monday, November 17, 2025, at the age of 92.

Born on August 18, 1933, in Demotte, Indiana, he was the son of Jacob Nannenga and Clara (Musch) Nannenga. Gilbert served his country proudly as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army for two years.

On November 23, 1956, he married the love of his life, Betty Jean Jabaay, who lovingly survives him. Gilbert spent 37 years as a dedicated heavy equipment operator with the Local 150 before retiring from the union. He was a devoted member of the American Reformed Church and the American Legion Post 440.

Gilbert had a passion for life and enjoyed fishing, golfing, riding motorcycles, and helping his son with his race car. He will be remembered for his hard work, devotion to family, and love of adventure.

He is survived by his wife Betty Jean; his sons Bill (Donna) Nannenga, Larry (Caroline) Nannenga, and Michael Nannenga; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and siblings Jeraldine, Margie, Sue, and Betty. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Alice, his brother Jim, and two grandchildren.

Gilbert's family will forever cherish his warmth, humor, and steadfast presence. He leaves a legacy of love, dedication, and cherished memories.

Family and friends may gather at American Reformed Church on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, from 10:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am with Pastor Troy Nanninga. Interment will be held at Holland Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

A Time of Remembrance

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church
1021 S. Halleck St.
DeMotte, IN

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Holland Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



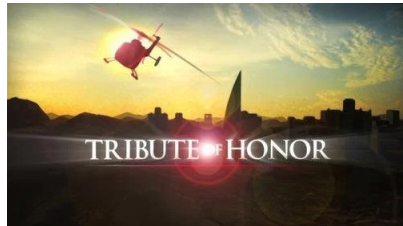
“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert Howard Nannenga*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 28, 2025 at 03:47 PM



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Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 25, 2025 at 04:23 PM



MG

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Gilbert several times. Great man.*
-Mark Goodrich Local 150

Mark Goodrich - December 12, 2025 at 04:31 PM

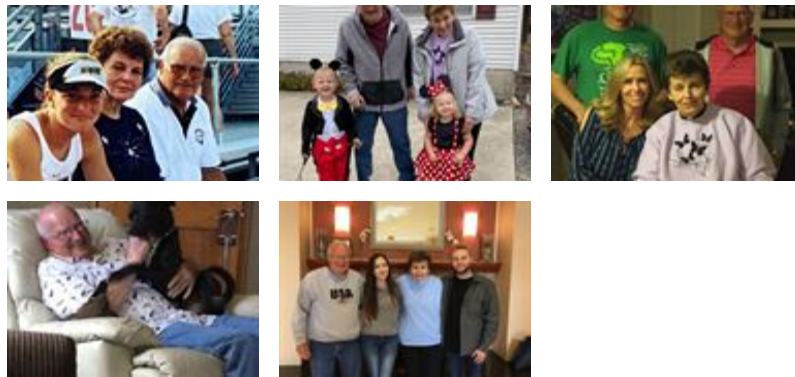
RS

“ Dear Betty and Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you all in these difficult days. Gilbert always had a big smile for everyone and know he enjoyed life with his family. He will be missed by all who knew him. May you find comfort in knowing he is at peace with no more pain. Thinking of you. Ruth Swart

Ruth Swart - November 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM



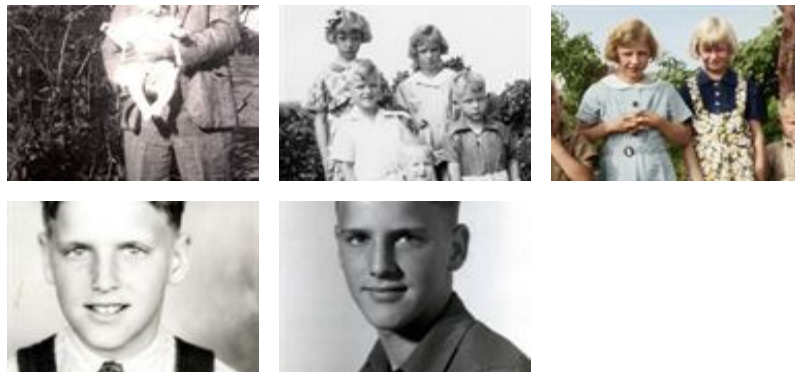
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Jackson Funeral Chapels - November 25, 2025 at 11:03 AM

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“ Bryan, Al,Ryan and all of Baywood Hotels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilbert Howard Nannenga.

Bryan, Al,Ryan and all of Baywood Hotels - November 24, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Howard Nannenga.



November 24, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ “You Are Loved And In Our Prayers” Comfort Throw was purchased for the family of Gilbert Howard Nannenga.



November 23, 2025 at 12:37 PM

AH

“ Andy & Bobbie Hixson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilbert Howard Nannenga.

Andy & Bobbie Hixson - November 23, 2025 at 12:37 PM