



## Gone From My Sight

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side,  
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts  
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.  
I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck  
of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,  
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.  
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.  
Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"  
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices  
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...



Obituary

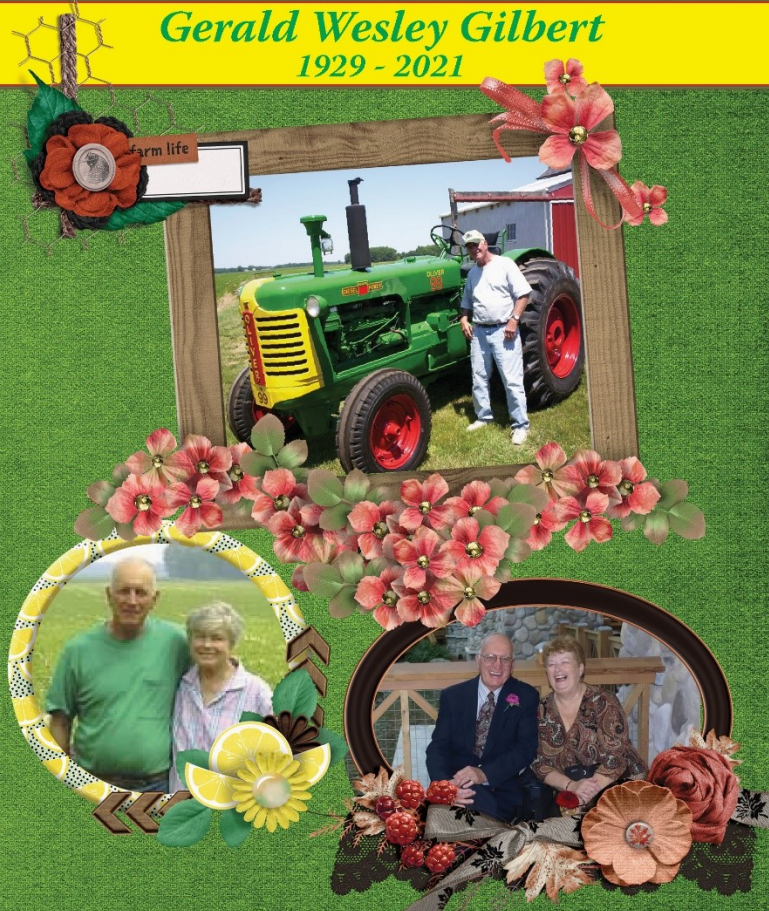
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In Loving Memory

**Gerald Wesley Gilbert**

1929 - 2021



## Gerald Wesley Gilbert — Sunfield, MI

Gerald (Jerry) Wesley Gilbert passed away on July 18, 2021 at the age of 92. He was born on May 1, 1929 in Lansing, Michigan to Owen G. Gilbert and Vernie (Lanningham). Jerry graduated from Portland High School in 1948.

Jerry was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Judy Teller Gilbert; daughters Karen (Ken) Oesch, Nancy (Gordon) Cannon, and Marilyn (Kyle) Goodmoot, Jennifer Teller Sherman (Steve) and son-in-law, Steve Buche and Jerry is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Keith (Clayton) Cannon, Mark Oesch (Andrew George), Nikki Charriere, Jim (Jami) Oesch, Kerry (Jason) McConnell, Lance (Kristen) Goodmoot, Lea (Chad) Osborne, Linsey (Darrell) Dykhouse, Jessica Buche, Emily (Andy) Spitzley; and three grandchildren by marriage; Isabel, Lauren and Noah Felton; 25 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Janet (Sandborn) Gilbert; daughter, Peggy Buche; and great-grandson, Joshua Harold.

Gerald enjoyed spending his winters fishing in south Texas, hunting, and restoring antique Oliver tractors. He enjoyed a good game of Euchre. He worked as a tinsmith for Oldsmobile for 30 years; sold seed for Amcorn, Cornbelt, and Stuart's Seed for a decade; and farmed for more than 60 years. He was a life-long member of the Sunfield United Methodist Church, serving his church, community and God as a youth leader, Sunday school teacher, layman, and trustee. Jerry was devoted to his family, leading them with great pride and integrity. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

A celebration of Gerald's life will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Sunfield United Methodist Church at 11:00 am. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service. Following this service, interment will be in the West Sebewa Cemetery. A luncheon will be provided at Sunfield United Methodist Church. The pallbearers will be Mark Oesch, Andrew George, Lance Goodmoot, James Oesch, Andrew Spitzley, Darrell Dykhouse, Jason McConnell and Chad Osborne. Honorary pallbearer will be Noah Felton.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Lake Odessa Little League, Ionia County Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the Sunfield United Methodist Church.

Please visit the special web page made for Gerald to leave a condolence or light a candle: [www.RosierFuneralHome.com](http://www.RosierFuneralHome.com). The family has entrusted the arrangements to the Independent Family-Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield: Rosier Funeral Home.



## Gerald Wesley Gilbert

**Date of Birth**

May 1, 1929

**Date of Death**

July 18, 2021

**Funeral Service**

11:00 AM – Thursday

July 22, 2021

Sunfield United Methodist Church

**Officiating**

Pastor Laurie Koivula

Rev. John Morse

**Music**

Jodi Farman

**Pallbearers**

Mark Oesch, Andrew George, Lance Goodmoot, James Oesch,  
Andrew Spitzley, Darrell Dykhouse, Jason McConnell and Chad Osborne

**Honorary pallbearer**

Noah Felton

**Interment**

West Sebewa Cemetery

