



Captain Wilson L. Gilbert

August 31, 1940 - December 19, 2016

WILSON L. GILBERT, son of the late William Gilbert and the late William Gilbert and Elizabeth (Wilson) Gilbert, was born on August 31, 1940 in Abingdon, Maryland. He departed this life on December 19, 2016 after a lengthy illness.

Wilson received his education at Central High School in Bel Air; Maryland in 1958. He then entered the U.S. Army from 1958 until 1967 as an Airborne Paratrooper and Demolition Expert. He also graduated from the NCO Academy, Germany in 1960. From there his boxing career sky-rocketed. He received 12 major Army boxing titles from European Champion, Scandinavian Champion, All Army Champion, Interservices Champion, African Games Champion, 24th Division Champion, 8th Division Champion and 4th Division Champion while traveling the world with the USA Boxing Team achieving 202 Wins and only 11 Loses. He fought his way from a light welterweight to a middleweight boxer. In 1967 Wilson received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army.

In civilian life, Wilson began his employment in Corrections in 1967 as a Correctional Officer to the Recreation Department. Four years later, in 1971, he was promoted to Sergeant. Six years later (1977) he earned a promotion to lieutenant. In 1981, he was promoted to Captain. Captain Gilbert retired in 2001. Some of his most notable accomplishments included assisting the

establishment of Eager Village Therapeutic Self-Help Program; establishing a Jail Boxing Program which attracted Professional Boxers Larry Middleton, Vincent Pettaway and Muhammad Ali; establishing Fallsway Youth Club which mentored youth of incarcerated parents or troubled youth; supervised Family Days; and supervised tours of the jail for school age children.

Captain Gil's heart was so tremendous for family, coworkers and the community alike. He initiated the Tactital team to ensure correctional staff's safety while encountering dangerous inmates. As he developed the Emergency Operation Center lifelong bonds were formed supporting anyone who needed him. Capt. Gil was also a devout friend, listener and ardent family man. He earned the respect of anyone who encountered his presence. He was a community activist with the Oblate Sisters of Providence hosting community dinners, trips for seniors and youth, raffles and holiday gatherings. Captain Gilbert's influence with the Brentwood community received a lot of support services.

He received recognition for his distinguished community service and correctional services. Awards such as Channel "13" Salute, Fox 45 "Hero of Courage Award," Baltimore Sunpaper "Officer of the Year Award", Resolution Citation from City Council, the Governor's Citation, a Mayor's Citation and Key Person Award. Baltimore City someone knew him and began "Cap-N-Gil salutations."

Captain Gilbert was known for his colorful language while he remained an inpatient at Keswick. He will be remembered for many of his humorous statements.

He leaves to mourn: his devoted wife, staunch advocate, Wilma J. Gilbert; one daughter, Lucree Kimbrough; Arthur Gilbert; four sisters, Mary, Gloria, Ann (who preceded him in death) and Bobby; two brother-in-law, Ernest and

Clifford; sister-in-law, Hiawatha; daughter-in-law, Wendy; eleven grandchildren (one granddaughter preceded him in death), eleven great-grandchildren and a plethora of other family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC **29**. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

DEC 30. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Service

DEC 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Captain Wilson L. Gilbert*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *"Quiet Solider".....R.I.P.*

Phillip Blanding - December 30, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ *Yasmin Mello sent a virtual gift in memory of Captain Wilson L. Gilbert*



Yasmin Mello - December 30, 2016 at 08:07 AM



“ *Capt. Gil was a true gentleman who gave of himself, resources, time and talents to countless of youth in the Fallsway Youth Club. The entire St. Frances Academy Community will miss his outstanding dedication in enhancing the quality of life for youth in Johnston Square/Brentwood Village Neighborhood.*

Dr. Kirk P. Gaddy

Kirk Gaddy - December 29, 2016 at 06:48 PM

LB

“ Capt Gil was a great man, leader, teacher and friend. He mentored many youths through the Fallsway Youth Club as well as officers at the City Jail/ BCDC. A one of a kind man who will be greatly missed. R.I.P.

L Barnes - December 29, 2016 at 02:37 PM

PD

“ Rest in peace uncle Roy.



Patricia Dixon - December 29, 2016 at 05:51 AM

CW

“ I will always remember Captain. Gilbert stating over and over "Don't sweat the Small stuff, Life is too short." Thank you sir for being a shining example of a Great Supervisor. One of The Baltimore City Jail's Finest.

Charles Wiley - December 28, 2016 at 08:12 PM

LS

“ Thanks for being the epitome of supervision. May you rest in paradise and your family be comforted as only GOD knows how. You were a great example to many.

Ladelle Armstrong Spencer - December 28, 2016 at 05:34 PM

CS

“ Captain Gil was a great Supervisor and friend to all who knew him. Rest in Paradise Captain Gilbert.

Cynthia Suber - December 28, 2016 at 05:23 PM

JS

“ *Janie Scipio-Hewlett lit a candle in memory of Captain Wilson L. Gilbert*



Janie Scipio-Hewlett - December 28, 2016 at 10:26 AM

MS

“ *Monyette Smith lit a candle in memory of Captain Wilson L. Gilbert*



Monyette Smith - December 28, 2016 at 06:32 AM

DG

“ *Denise Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Captain Wilson L. Gilbert*



Denise Gilbert - December 27, 2016 at 03:42 PM

KG

“ *Kyle Golston lit a candle in memory of Captain Wilson L. Gilbert*



Kyle Golston - December 25, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DB

“ With my deepest condolences to the family of Wilson Gilbert. May the Almighty, the God of tender mercies and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials (2Corinthians1:3,4), comfort you and your family in this time of need.

D Barnes - December 24, 2016 at 09:34 AM

A.

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. May the family find comfort in knowing God cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7).

A.H. - December 23, 2016 at 03:14 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 22, 2016 at 01:53 PM