



Clyde Bertram Gilmore

October 1, 1920 - November 29, 2020

Clyde Bertram Gilmore, 100, of Pleasant Grove born on October 1, in Lipscomb, AL to Thomas Minter & Lucy Katherine Gilmore, passed away on November 29, 2020. He graduated from Bessemer High School in 1939 & was in the Navy. Shortly thereafter he married Tommie Merle Espey, and they had one son together. They were married for 54+ years before she preceded him in death.

Clyde lived & worked in Bessemer most of his life. He was mostly in the automotive parts business until he retired at 92 years of age. He worked at Western Auto, Bessemer Auto Parts, Mulkins Auto Parts & Westwood Auto Parts, just to name a few places.

Clyde Gilmore was very blessed by God in many ways. Even though he lost his first wonderful wife, God blessed him with a second very loving & beautiful lady – Betty Ruth Graham. They have been married 24+ years & attend Pleasant Grove Nazarene Church & Wednesday Luncheons at Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Clyde loved to talk, fly fish, play cards, sing in Church, watch Auburn football, tell & retell jokes & corny stories to anyone that would listen, watch Wheel of Fortune & The Gaither's with his Sweet Betty, & he had a wonderful love affair with Jack's apple pies & eating ice cream. Clyde took fashion tips from no

one. He proudly wore his 2 pocket shirts everywhere, with his note pad in his left pocket; his cell phone always on him; his Auburn jacket & his Navy hat while proudly talking about the Lord or football, because he never met a stranger.

He was always one with a quick one liner. "You're good, but I'm gooder." When it was time to open a door: "Age before Beauty." He told everyone he had been given an Honorary PhD degree – "Post Hole Digger".

Being a Gideon speaker was one his biggest passions. Speaking & collecting donations for Bibles was something he was driven to do. "Send Bibles!" He would always say. Even while living at The Oaks, he sang hymns; passed out over 70 Bibles; prayed with others & continued to lead people to God at 99/100 years of age.

Clyde Gilmore is predeceased in death by his sisters Myrtle Lee (Gilmore) Banks, Katie Mae (Gilmore) Walls; & by his brothers Robert Mason Gilmore, Lee Roy Gilmore, Clarence Huey Gilmore, & James Lester Gilmore.

Clyde is survived by his beautiful & loving wife - Betty Graham Gilmore of Pleasant Grove, AL; son - Jack B. Gilmore (Gwendolyn) of Hueytown, AL; granddaughter – Joey Diane Gilmore Gloekler (Mark) of Monroe, NC. 3 Great Granddaughters, 2 Great-Great Grandsons. Along with his Graham Family: Blake Graham (Pat) of Hoover, AL; Stewart Graham (Martha) of Pelham, AL; 4 Grandchildren (Adam, Casey, Josh & Alyssa) & 5 Great-Grand Children.

The Lesson we should take from Clyde Gilmore's Life is: When it comes time to die, make sure all we have to do is die because we have lived our life doing what God has asked us to do. Call Each Other & "Send Bibles!" as he would always say.

In Lieu of flowers please "Send Bibles" by contributing to Gideons International, P. O. Box 1744, Bessemer, AL 35021.

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family and to all who knew and loved Cousin Clyde. We, too, loved him and are truly blessed to have had him in our lives.

Sheila and Larry Wilson - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

JD

“ He was a long time friend of the family. I have several memories of him over the years from 4th of July celebrations at our house to singing with him at church. He will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family. God Bless... Janet Dozier

Janet Dozier - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

PW

“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all! He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed!

Paul & Jeana Gilmore West - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

LW

“ God Bless the Gilmore family!!

Larry Wallace - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

RN

“ Clyde was a blessing to everyone who knew him. He was a faithful disciple of Jesus.

Rev Tim New - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

FA

“ Clyde became my friend from the first day I met him. I agreed to sing a song with him and from that day forward we were a duet. We will sing again over in the glory land!!! Prayers for sweet Betty!

Faye Asbury - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

PR

“ I’ve known Clyde since the first day I walked into Lacey’s Chapel Church (45 years ago). He was always so faithful to the Church and loved the youth!!!! I know he is walking with Jesus. Our prayers for Mrs. Betty (we love you) and all of his family.

Pam & Barry Roberson - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

VS

“ Daddy moved to Bessemer in 1956 and worked with Clyde at Bessemer Auto Parts. Several years later as t Bessemer First Church of God, the friendship continued. So many memories but Mr. Clyde was a good friend, neighbor, brother in Christ and just Mr. Clyde. Loved him and Tommie.

Vickie Campbell Shipley - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

JP

“ Clyde was the most loving and giving gentleman and always went above and beyond. Thank you for taking the time and sponsoring me on the Emmaus Walk. It was a life changing event in my life and I will never forget it. There are only a few events that are so memorable as that. I know you are in God’s presence now. God bless you. Love you.

Jonathan Poer - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

DK

“ Clyde was a true delight. He was a good friend and ally, quirky, honest, bold, and the life of the party. He was also an exemplary Christian. He will be missed.

Deborah S Kizziah - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

MM

“ Clyde was just a person I always had in my life. I went on beach trips with he and Tommie, played at church for him to sing and saw him holidays and Sundays at our house. He was a very special family friend. He will be missed. Prayers for the family in your loss.

Margaret Morris - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM

JF

“ Clyde was my Mother's first boyfriend. They went to church & school together from the first grade. He was a dear friend to me and my husband. He and his wife, Betty, were so kind to my Mother in her later years. They would come and take her out to eat and visit with her. He will be sorely missed.

Jo Farley - September 17, 2021 at 10:46 AM