



Gilbert L. Lowry

January 10, 1935 - February 18, 2020

Gilbert L. Lowry, 85, of Centralia, passed peacefully at his home Tuesday morning, February 18, 2020, surrounded by his family.

He was born January 10, 1935, in Kell, the son of Herbert and Myrtle (Wheeler) Lowry. On September 20, 1958, in Iuka, he married Ferva Clifton, and she survives.

Mr. Lowry graduated from Salem High School in 1952, and served in the United States Army from 1955-1958, where he was part of the 10th Mountain Division, serving in Germany. He was a committed, lifelong Railroader, who started his career in 1952, firing steam engines for his father, at the age of 17. He worked for Illinois Central from 1952 until 1987, and then for Amtrak from 1987 to 1997, working a total of 45 years. He was a member of Central City Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Ferva Lowry, he is survived by two daughters, Lora Lea Wernsman and husband Jamie of Lebanon, Ohio, and Mary Kay Castellari and husband Jeff of Centralia; two grandchildren, Tori Wernsman and Sam Wernsman of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Mildred Clark and Edna Pierce; and one half-sister, Reba Stover.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Gleason Lowry; and half-siblings, Beulah Glenn, Mabel Estock, Ray Lowry, and Orville Lowry.

Funeral services for Mr. Lowry will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2020, at the Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Marty Mills officiating. Burial will follow at Palestine Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday, February 24,

2020, from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the funeral home's Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Palestine Cemetery

Iuka, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home
322 North Main Street
Dix, IL 62830
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Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies to the Lowry family. Gilbert was a very nice man. Prayers and sympathies during this time of sorrow!*

Kent Boyles

Kent Boyles - February 22, 2020 at 03:16 PM

JS

“ *Gilbert was one of the finest men I've ever known , or worked with. We worked as an Engineer crew for many years together. He always made me feel confident in the way I did my job, & I knew I could trust him with anything going on in my life. HIGHBALL Gilbert, you've been promoted to your final station. GOG BLESS you, and your family. Jim Strange*

Jim Strange - February 22, 2020 at 10:35 AM

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Please correct the spelling of GOD

Jim Strange - February 23, 2020 at 06:52 PM

TA

“ *So sorry for your loss. Gilbert was my best buddy at the cancer center. Loved to listen to his stories. It was a blessing to know Gilbert and you Ferva and Mary K. I will miss our talks. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hugs Teresa alug*

Teresa Alig - February 21, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert L. Lowry.*

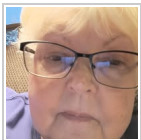


February 20, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathies,
Reed Hale*

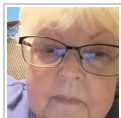
Reed Hale - February 20, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ *Betty Moses-Grotts lit a candle in memory of
Gilbert L. Lowry*



Betty Moses-Grotts - February 19, 2020 at 12:26 PM



So sorry for you loss !!!

Betty Moses-Grotts - February 19, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *He was great man and friend ... very intelligent , kind, and proud of his job .. loved working with him ... like a father figure to me....
prayers to him and all his family*

David R King

David R King - February 19, 2020 at 11:45 AM