



Son of the late
Donald and Madeline Breen Gilliland.

Inscription: Lieutenant U.S. Navy
Note: Interred January 22, 2015

Burial:
[Arlington National Cemetery](#)
Arlington
Arlington County
Virginia, USA
Plot: Section 55, Site 5188

Larry D. "Gil" Gilliland
Died - Jul. 9, 2014
GALES FERRY CT

RMC(SS) / LT Ret.
Onboard HL Stimson SSBN 655 Gold
1965 – 1968 Plank Owner

Larry D. "Gil" Gilliland, 75, of Gales Ferry, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was the loving husband of Karen (Duch) Gilliland for 48 years. Born in Kansas, he was the son of the late Donald Gilliland and Madeline (Breen) Gilliland.

Mr. Gilliland proudly served our country in the [U.S. Navy](#) for 20 years until his retirement as a lieutenant in 1977. He served on the USS Dixon, USS Henry L. Stimson, and USS Thomas A. Edison. In 1959 while serving on the USS Balao, he had a speaking part as a sailor in Operation Petticoat and fondly remembered painting the sub pink with his fellow crewmen for the movie.

After retiring from the navy, he worked at Analysis & Technology in New London working his way up to senior vice-president and general manager.

As a volunteer, he gave financial seminars for the state of Connecticut and counseled military retirees, widows and family members for the U.S. Navy's Retired Affairs Office. In 1999, he was selected by the Connecticut Small Business Administration's Advisory Council to be honored as the Veteran's Advocate of the Year. He was an avid UConn Huskies men's and women's basketball fan, movie buff and voracious reader.

In addition to his wife, Karen, he is survived by his son Larry Gilliland and his wife Laura, of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA; daughter Lisa (Gilliland) Ryan and her husband Michael, of Hanson, MA; son Dan Gilliland and his wife Liza, of San Ramon, CA; daughter Cathi (Gilliland) Glassburner, of Republic, MO; and ten grandchildren. He is predeceased by his daughter Laura Gilliland.

There will be no calling hours. A private interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made in Larry's honor to Hope For The Warriors, 5101C Backlick Rd., Annandale, VA 22003.

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