



Gilbert Williams Jr.

June 25, 1940 - February 9, 2025

Gilbert “Gil” Williams, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on February 9, 2025, at the age of 84. Born on June 25, 1940, in Granville, New York, Gil moved to Wickliffe, Ohio, in the seventh grade, where he quickly became a beloved member of the Italian community. It was there that he met Patricia “Pat” Bruss, his high school sweetheart and later his wife. They shared 64 loving years together.

Gil earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Ohio University, where he was a proud member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He later earned an MBA from Baldwin Wallace career. He began at TRW in Cleveland, working on the Saturn rocket program, and later joined Bailey Controls in Wickliffe. His career path took him to Columbus, Ohio, where he spent 33 years, serving as vice president at IDT before becoming general manager at Eaton Corporation. He later moved to North Carolina to become president of Electrical South before returning to Ohio.

Beyond his professional achievements, Gil was a talented woodworker who created beautiful furnishings. He also had a passion for painting. He and his wife, Pat, traveled the world together and spent cherished summers at the lake house he built in Apple Valley, Ohio.

Gil was deeply loved by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife,

Patricia, and their children: Gilbert Williams III and his wife, Amy, of Libertyville, Illinois; Edward Williams and his wife, Carrie, of Upper Arlington, Ohio; and Aimée Switzer of Upper Arlington, Ohio. He was a proud grandfather to six grandchildren: Ellen Williams of Libertyville, Illinois; Gilbert Williams IV and his wife, Megan, of Libertyville, Illinois; Mary Briddell and her husband, Eric, of Atlantic Beach, Florida; Annabella Smith and her husband, David, of Upper Arlington, Ohio; Thomas Switzer Jr. of Upper Arlington, Ohio; and Katherine Switzer of Upper Arlington, Ohio. He was also blessed with two great-grandchildren, Gilbert Williams V and Eugene Williams of Libertyville, Illinois.

Gil is also survived by his brother, Royal Williams, of Boise, Idaho, and his sister, Sharon Gargiulo, of Wickliffe, Ohio, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Evelyn.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 15, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065. A Prayer Service will take place at 3:45 p.m., followed by a celebration of life at the Williams residence.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 15. 1:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Prayer Service

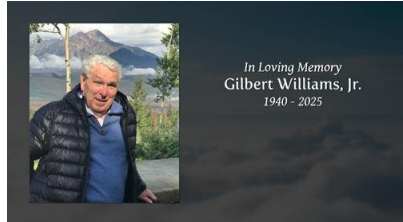
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert Williams Jr.*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 14, 2025 at 03:03 PM

MZ

“ *God speed and peace be with you dearest friend. We shared 60 years of many wonderful pursuits as colleagues with you providing the leadership and the encouragement to always go forward . Congratulations ,, you lived a wonderful life and left your eternal mark for all to follow.*

mike zaharna - February 14, 2025 at 07:03 PM

MZ

“ *Mike and Samia Zaharna purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..*



Mike and Samia Zaharna - February 14, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..



February 14, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..



February 14, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gilbert Williams Jr..

February 14, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ Love Roy & Lyn purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..



Love Roy & Lyn - February 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM

LL

“ Love Roy & Lyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilbert Williams Jr..

Love Roy & Lyn - February 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM

CM

“ Always enjoyed our chats and the sharing of your experiences and expertise. God bless ... you will be missed.

Carol and Rob McKenney

Carol & Rob McKenney - February 13, 2025 at 09:07 AM

LS

“ Love Anna and Pat Schenk purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..



Love Anna and Pat Schenk - February 12, 2025 at 05:21 PM

BP

“ Bob and Pam purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..



Bob and Pam - February 12, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..*



February 11, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ *Pat, condolences to you and your whole family. Gil was a special guy and good friend. We had many good times at work together. He will be missed. Godspeed Gil....*

*Joe and Mary Beth Mattioli
North Carolina*

Joseph Mattioli - February 11, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *Poly-clip System purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Gilbert Williams Jr..*



Poly-clip System - February 11, 2025 at 01:51 PM



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JJ

“ I am so sorry for your great loss of a loved one, Gilbert. May the God of all comfort, and treasured memories of your loved one, comfort your family in difficult times.

J. Jones - February 11, 2025 at 11:47 AM

AC

I have only known Gil for six years when we became neighbors and in that short time we had some good times. I will miss him very much as I'm sure everyone else who knew him will too. He was a pretty good poker player as well.

AC

AC - February 12, 2025 at 07:56 PM