



James D. Gilkey

September 28, 1942 - January 30, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Mr. James Doyle Gilkey, 77, of Byhalia, MS, passed away January 30, 2020. A visitation will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home (6815 Parkview Blvd, Olive Branch, MS). A funeral service will immediately follow at 12:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home. Interment will be at the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Rev. Stephen Sparks will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch is in charge of arrangements.

James Gilkey was born on September 28, 1942 in Danville, AR. He was retired from the United States Army, and during his service, he was awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with a Silver Star, the VC of G Medal of Valor, the Army Commendation medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medals twice.

He was also a member of Maples Memorial United Methodist Church in Olive Branch, MS and a member of the VFW Post 684 in Memphis, TN. James enjoyed fishing in his free time. He also enjoyed discussing politics, reading and was a history buff. However, he loved nothing more than spending time with his family and his grandchildren. James loved working on his '66 Chevrolet pick-up truck when he could. James Gilkey was a loving husband,

father, and grandfather. He will be missed by his family and many friends. Mr. Gilkey leaves behind his wife, Cecelia Gilkey of Byhalia; three daughters, Cheryl (James) Rutledge of Dexter, MO, Cynthia (Jody) Tyler of Olive Branch, and Carolyn (Jon) Winters of Collierville, TN; six grandsons, Travis (Ashley) Rutledge and Tyler Rutledge, both of Dexter, Matthew (Annamarie) Tyler and Jeremy Tyler, both of Olive Branch, Cameron (Cassia Hathaway) Fletcher of Abilene, TX, and Colton Winters of Collierville; one granddaughter, Cailyn (Clay Wheeler) Hampton of Olive Branch; four great-granddaughters, Kaylee Rutledge of Dexter, and Charlee Tyler, Nolee Cowan, and Norah Cowan, all of Olive Branch; two great-grandsons, Brenden Rutledge of Sikeston, MO, and Luke Tyler of Olive Branch; one sister, Mary Toole of Gideon, MO; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Gilkey was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Virgil Gilkey and Bessie Sarah Rebecca Gilkey; four brothers; and two sisters.

In honor of Mr. James Doyle Gilkey's service to our country, the flag of the United States Army will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home for the services.

Donations and memorials in honor of James Doyle Gilkey may be made to Maples Memorial United Methodist Church (P.O. Box 213, Olive Branch, MS 38654).

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd
Memphis, TN 38125

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bobby and Kay Wharton purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of James D. Gilkey.



Bobby and Kay Wharton - January 31, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“ My uncle Jim (or as most of us kids referred to him as uncle doodle) will be sadly missed. He was an honorable man. He dedicated a career in the U.S. Army in keeping us at home safe. Jim had a way about him that made you feel at ease when talking with him. He was sometimes straight to the point and sometimes humorous in helping you find the right answers in life. But always took the time to listen. He loved people, his family and life. We will miss him! Rest in Peace uncle doodle!

Denny Gilkey - January 31, 2020 at 07:51 PM

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May God's richest blessings provide peace and comfort to the precious Gilkey family.

Mary Gail Freeman - February 02, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of James D. Gilkey.



January 31, 2020 at 07:16 PM