



Ralph Hi Gilman

July 31, 1936 - January 17, 2025

Ralph Hi Gilman, 88, of Gilman Drive, Delbarton, WV, passed away on January 17, 2025 while at the Madison Park Healthcare Facility in Huntington, West Virginia. He was born on July 31, 1936 to the late Hi and Hazel Tingler Gilman of Delbarton, WV.

He was a Mingo County School Bus Driver for more than 50 years and the owner/operator of Gilman Grocery, along with his parents, on Trace Creek, WV, for most of his adult life.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife of 59 years, Ruby Muncy Gilman.

He is survived by his son, Rodney S. (Carolyn) Webb; his daughter, Faye (Frankie) Williamson; his brother, Ron (Carol) Gilman; his sisters, Carol (John) Porada and Patti (RL) Parsley; his grandchildren, Kim, Frank, Tim, Joey, Ryan, and Lisa, his niece; Gina (Gary) Cook; his nephews, Rabin Ihlenfeld, and Quincy Lee Muncy and their children, and several other nieces and nephews and their children; his multiple great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and special family and friends, Lena Ferguson, Eli and Freda Sturgill, Dave and Sissy Adams, Bill and Evelyn Cline, and Mae Runyon.

The viewing will be at the Freedom United Baptist Church on Monday,

January 27, 2025 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The funeral service will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 1:00 PM with Pastor Eddie Hatfield officiating. Burial will follow at the Mountain View Memory Garden Cemetery in Maher, WV.

Chafin Funeral Home is proudly serving the Gilman family. Online condolences can be made at chafinfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Freedom United Baptist Church
553 Lenore St
Lenore, WV 25676
(304) 475-0050

Service

JAN 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Jill, Ian, Papa Mac and Grandma Ann purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Hi Gilman.*



Jill, Ian, Papa Mac and Grandma Ann - January 26, 2025 at 12:58 PM

SH

“ *Sybil and Deidre Parsley & husbands. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Ralph Hi Gilman.*



Sybil and Deidre Parsley & husbands. - January 25, 2025 at 06:01 PM

MC

“ *Ralph Hi & Ruby we're friends with my mother Lena Dillon Kincaid for the time we lived and grew up on Trace Creek! she was very fond of them and would be saddened by their passing. Sympathy to their family. Marjorie Dillon Caffrey*

Marjorie Dillon Caffrey - January 23, 2025 at 06:57 PM

CA

“ *Cousin Joan, Mary Alice, Warren and Anna purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Hi Gilman.*



Cousin Joan, Mary Alice, Warren and Anna - January 23, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Hi Gilman.*



January 22, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SB

“ *ralph was a great man i remember going to his store long ago he helped a lot of people over the years rest in peace you will be missed by everyone*

samuel branham - January 21, 2025 at 01:43 PM

RS

“ *Ralph was a loving husband to his wife, he took great care of Ruby when I visited as a nurse. It was one of my favorite homes. I know Ralph loved the Lord. I wasn't aware Ruby had passed, I simply loved her. Praying for all the family*



Robin Stacy - January 20, 2025 at 06:14 PM

CH

“ *Ralph was a good man , all his family was very good to everyone when I was growing up I love to go to the store , and get ice cream ,I love to him talk to my grandma Alice Manns , mom Hester Manns , Dad Homer Manns after they got there gas , and grocery it was all good about one an another love , prayers to the family from Peebles Ohio 28 years tho 27 hollow was home growing up know as cricket to Ralph , and family*

Chrystal Hackney - January 20, 2025 at 05:06 PM

GB

We loved to ride the bus with Ralph. Always kind, wore a big smile and something funny to say. My father in law Okey Southers always brought chicken feed as well as everything else there. Really miss the little store.

Gary Bartoe - January 20, 2025 at 05:37 PM

PO

“ *PEGGY Ooten lit a candle in memory of Ralph Hi Gilman*



PEGGY ooten - January 20, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ I knew Ralph Hi for almost my whole life. John Lewis Maynard was my stepfather, and my best friend in the whole world after he came into my life at the age of three years old, up until he passed in 2015. Pop would take me up to the store with him and I'd sit on the bench in front of the window looking out towards the parking lot and highway watching people come and go at the store. I loved listening to them cut up and tell jokes amongst themselves and, with most everyone else who came in too! It was such a happy environment for a kid. Ralph Hi was a good human being and some of my happiest childhood memories were going to Gilmans Grocery, Junior Dempsey's store and Oscar Bartoe's restaurant and game room with John. I send my sincere condolences to Ralphs family and friends.

Kathy Canterbury Hatfield - January 20, 2025 at 02:43 PM

MM

“ Was in church with Ralph I can say he loved the Lord and he loved to sing for Lord he will be missed

Mike maynard - January 20, 2025 at 01:44 PM