



James Gaston Gilreath

September 14, 1939 - December 16, 2015

James Gaston Gilreath, 76, of Travelers Rest, passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at McCall Hospice House.

Born in Greenville County, he was a son of the late Doctor James and Flora Bell Cox Gilreath. Mr. Gilreath was retired from the Greenville County School System after 29 years and attended Northwest Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife of 45 years, Virginia Bright Gilreath; a sister and four brothers, Shirley Merck (Joe), Melvin Gilreath (Brenda) all of Travelers Rest, Nelson Gilreath (Lee) of Goose Creek, SC, Joe Hardin Gilreath (Judy) and Ansel Gilreath (Meri) all of Taylors; a sister-in-law, Barbara Gilreath and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, James was predeceased by a brother, Johnnie Gilreath.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 PM Saturday afternoon in The Howze Mortuary Chapel with burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Greer, SC.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2:15 PM on Saturday prior to the service at the mortuary.

The family will be at the home of Ansel & Meri Gilreath.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, C/O Northwest Baptist Church, P.O. Box 814, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

14050 E. Wade Hampton Blvd.
Greer, SC 29651
(864) 879-3819

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

DEC 19. 2:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I had Mr. Gilreath for one class as a junior and I enjoyed it so much that I made sure to sign up for all his subjects as a senior and had him for 3 of my 6 classes and was in his Future Farmers club. He was a fun caring teacher. When he was going through the tragedy of his house burning down so many students would go to his house after school to help with cleanup. He would always tell stories about things like how he was struck by lightning three different times in his life. That doesn't sound humorous at all but when he told it it somehow was. RIP.

Joe Mancuso - January 24, 2023 at 01:32 AM

PB

“ Peachie Moody Buzbee lit a candle in memory of James Gaston Gilreath



Peachie Moody Buzbee - December 31, 2015 at 12:02 AM

BT

“ I worked with Jim at Wade Hampton High for many years. He was always more than fair his students stated over the years. Jim was always kind, courteous and so much more to the staff and educators. I'm so sorry to learn of his death. May our Lord comfort your hearts with His great love, peace and grace.
Sincerely,
Brenda Trentham



Brenda Trentham - December 26, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ *Mr Gilreath will always be one of my favorite science teachers. He was firm with fair and didn't send you to the principal office every time you needed to go but he would make you do push ups and chairlifts. He always had a great sense of humor. We knew he wanted us to take advantage and learn everything we could from him. Thank you for the experiences you shared with us. You will be missed.*



Chris Anderson - December 20, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ *Gaston never had an ill word to say towards anyone. His SMILE was contagious and what I will remember the most! Love you Gaston --- see you again.*



Cyndi Stake - December 17, 2015 at 09:30 AM