



Stanley Alvin Gilreath

November 25, 1940 - December 25, 2025

Stanley Alvin Gilreath entered eternal rest on Dec. 25, 2025 at his home in Travelers Rest, SC. He was 85 years old. Alvin was born on Nov. 25, 1940 in Travelers Rest, SC to parents Algie Gilreath and Mary Cecil Walters Gilreath.

Alvin was a 1959 graduate of Travelers Rest High School where he was an outstanding student athlete, earning 17 varsity letters. The first one in basketball while still in the eighth grade. He was subsequently inducted into the Travelers Rest Devil Dog Hall of Fame in 2016.

Alvin married his high school sweetheart and life long companion, Elizabeth "Betsy" May Andrews on Aug. 5, 1959. They recently celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Alvin was an Army Veteran and served during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. He was a graduate of North Greenville College and was a life long member of Travelers Rest First Baptist Church.

After a career of almost four decades, Alvin retired

from Bell South Telephone Company in 2002.

Alvin was a dedicated family man and enjoyed taking them jeeping, fishing and picnicking. As a young man he was always most supportive of his children's endeavors. During his senior years he enjoyed taking family vacations to Edisto Beach and working in his yard and gardens. He provided many gallons of blueberries each year to family and friends.

Throughout his life, Alvin was most appreciative of physical fitness and in his later years could still be found working out in his home gym.

Alvin is survived by his wife, Betsy Gilreath, his son, Steven Scott Gilreath (Judy Hamilton), his daughter, Nancy G. Reaves (Forrest) all of Travelers Rest, SC. His grandson, Justin Louis Wilson (Angel Gosnell) and one great grandson, Olin T. Gosnell of Taylors, SC. Also, two sisters, Lillian Pulcine and Virginia Aytes, both of Travelers Rest, SC.

Alvin is predeceased by his parents, one son, Robert "Rocky" Alvin Gilreath, a sister, Lila Robertson, two brothers, Ray Gilreath and Robert Gilreath.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Agape Care of Greenville, 3 Independence Point, #105, Greenville, SC 29615

Tribute Wall

RL

“ Rex Lance lit a candle in memory of Stanley Gilreath



Rex Lance - January 06 at 12:27 AM

MB

Betsy and children, I am so sorry to hear of Alvin's passing. Betsy, I remember when you first came to TR High School and how I got to know you and enjoyed your friendship. Alvin was a fine person, friend and neighbor as well. It has been years since I have seen you, but I share your grief. Marian Cooper Bryan

Marian Cooper Bryan - January 30 at 12:50 PM

HW

“ Within the circle of telephone workers, Alvin was more than a standout person, but also one I considered a True Friend. He was a man's man and yet a very gentle man. Never did I ever see Alvin get angry or raise his voice at anyone in all the years we were together. Alvin was never the first to speak up on topic of conversation but after all was said, Alvin would add his thought on the matter. You knew his words were well thought out and had a deeper concept on the conversation. As a telephone repair technician, you couldn't ask for anyone better. He was one of the best if not the best, in my mind. He never belittled me if he went behind me on a trouble that I was wrong about. Alvin was a mild mannered gentleman but as you can tell by the 17 letters he received in sports, he got the task at hand Done. Alvin my Friend, I will sore miss you and the phone calls we had after retirement. "Go Rest High Upon That Mountain, Son Your Work On Earth Is Done"; "Go To Heaven A Shouting, Love For The Father And The Son'. By now you are in the presence of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Betsey, Scott and Nancy (Peanut), you are in our prayers and our Hearts.
Love always, Hugh and Wanda Bridgers

Hugh & Wanda - January 04 at 01:23 PM

RL

Nancy & Scott I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I only had a few interactions with him but he was always a kind person. Tell your mother I am praying for ya'll. Rex Lance TR Class of 1978

Rex Lance - January 06 at 12:22 AM

KS

“ I first met Mr. Alvin Gilreath at Travelers Rest First Baptist Church. I played and learned with his children Rocky, Scott and Nancy in our Sunday School classes where his wife, Mrs. Betsy Gilreath would teach some of them. At church I remembered he was always gentle, kind and had a very easy way that was fun to be around. Many years later, I started working at BellSouth and quickly discovered I had a great deal to learn. I didn't know Mr. Gilreath worked there until I heard some of the technicians talking about him. They were into fitness and exercise and were really impressed with his ability to outperform them in the gym. Maybe, I should mention that they were all younger than Mr. Gilreath and therefore, likely, should have been able to outperform him. Anyway, knowing Mr. Gilreath from church, I was excited to learn that he worked at “Ma Bell” too, as many of us called it. Even though he and I did not work on the same crew, on occasion I would see him and usually when I was working on a ‘trouble’ or having some difficulties with a task. I could always describe what I was tasked with or needing help on and he would always take the time to advise and/or show me a technique that helped me solve problems and improve my skills. Through it all, he was the same gentle, kind, fun to be around person and I very much appreciated and enjoyed learning from Mr. Gilreath!

Kade Styles - January 03 at 01:33 PM

BR

“ So sorry for your loss, I pray God will comfort you now and the days ahead. You have my deepest sympathy. *Becky Presnell Rollins*



Becky P Rollins - January 02 at 06:02 PM

CL

“ *Carolyn Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Stanley Gilreath*



Carolyn Lancaster - January 01 at 09:55 AM

JH

“ *Jonell Thacker Hart lit a candle in memory of Stanley Gilreath*



Jonell Thacker Hart - December 31, 2025 at 04:59 PM