



## William Gilstrap

October 8, 1935 - December 12, 2012

William M. "Bill" Gilstrap, 77, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at his home.

Born in Greenville County, he was the son of the late Thomas A. and Allien V. Stone Gilstrap and was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are his loving companion of 20 years, Frances Clayton; 5 children: Carol Darraugh (Tom), Donna Clark (Robert, Sr.), Eddie Clayton (Melissa), Barry Clayton, Sr. (Tina); 1 brother: Tom Gilstrap (Juanita); one sister: Carolyn Smith; and 8 adoring grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. Saturday at The Howze Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in The Howze Mortuary Chapel, with burial to follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Clearview Baptist Church building fund, P.O. Box 974, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.thehowzemortuary.com](http://www.thehowzemortuary.com)

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Dr.  
Greenville, SC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 15. 1:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

HJ

“ *BILL, WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES AT PRUDENTIAL AND THE STANDARD "HAVE YOU HEARD THIS JOKE"? NO BUT I'M AFRAID I'M, GOING TOO, WILL MISS YOU.*  
*HENRY JULIAN*

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**HENRY JULIAN** - December 15, 2012 at 09:13 AM

BB

“ *Francis and Family,*  
*I'm so sorry for your loss and will be praying for you all. God will keep you in His loving arms and give you comfort during this difficult time. Please know I am here for you if you need me.*

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**Barbara K. Bracken** - December 15, 2012 at 09:04 AM

KB

“ *Francis and Family,*  
*You will be in my prayers! May God grant you the peace and serenity you need during this difficult time.*  
*God bless,*  
*Kelley Bracken-Rainey*

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**Kelley Bracken-Rainey** - December 14, 2012 at 08:47 PM

JC

“ *Frances and Family,*  
*Although we only knew Bill for a short while, we saw a man who loved and cared for Frances and her children. We still remember his humorous stories, and his delight in telling a good joke. He will be missed. God bless Frances and her family. Love, Kelly and Jane Cronk*

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**Jane Anne Cronk** - December 14, 2012 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ I am going to miss you asking me "Where is my cake?" every time I saw you. Thank you Bill for all you did for everyone!

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**Tena Foster-Headden** - December 13, 2012 at 07:38 PM

MG

*A tragic loss like this is so hard to understand In your own time, in your own way, may you find a place of healing in your heart. Deepst Sympathy goes out to you. Love you, Mary Godzinski*

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**Mary Godzinski** - December 15, 2012 at 12:11 PM