



## Lester Gilbert

December 23, 1932 - August 12, 2016

Lester Gilbert journeyed home to be with Jesus on August 12th, 2016. He was born on December 23, 1932 in Supply AK to Herschel and Bertha Cox Gilbert. He married Erma Jean Smith (Jolly ) on March 2, 1954. 62 years together. He was blessed with 2 children, Courtney Gilbert and Dawn (Ken) Yocom of Petersburg, IL. Other surviving are 6 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren, 1 sister Aline Shotts of Galesburg and 1 brother Chester ( Sharon ) Gilbert of Petersburg and many other family to numerous to count, who loved him dearly. 3 sisters, 4 brothers and 2 grandchildren preceded him in death.

Always a servant, Lester served 20 years in the U.S. Army doing 4 tours in Korea and 1 tour in Vietnam, earning the bronze star. Then he worked 40 years as a trucker going across the U.S.A. and Canada helping all the hitch hikers and stranded motorist he could. Added to that, teaching and training not only his kids and grandkids at every opportunity possible but anyone else he possibly could. May they pay it forward.

He will be truly missed and always loved.

In lieu of flowers a memorial to the American Legion Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave veterans fund.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at Noon. Visitation will be held from 10 am until the time of service at noon, all at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. Burial will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield at 2:00 PM on Tuesday. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is in

charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road  
Springfield, IL 62707  
(217) 492-4070

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 16.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

**AUG 16.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lester Gilbert*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *We will always feel blessed by what a wonderful neighbor Lester was to Vernena Watkins our grandmother. I bet they're enjoying a cup of coffee together that's just heavenly.  
The Ron Woodrum family.*

**Carol Woodrum** - August 16, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lester Gilbert.*



August 15, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Gilbert.*



August 15, 2016 at 11:32 AM

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“ prays and condolences to the family. He was a special person who served his country well.. Find comfort knowing he has reached his final home and all his loved ones will be together again.

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**A Christian Friend** - August 13, 2016 at 12:56 PM