



Gilbert G. Wilkins

March 18, 1928 - January 7, 2023

Lifelong Coloradan, Gilbert G. Wilkins of Pueblo West, completed his 94-year earth journey on Jan. 7, 2023, to join his parents Edward Wilkins Sr. and Amelia Tafoya Wilkins, and his five brothers and sisters. He married M. Evelyn Roybal-Wilkins who was blessed to age together for 74 years. Mr. Wilkins was seen as the patriarch of the Wilkins family. Gilbert was a member of the last great generation where you worked hard, never complained and if it was broken you fixed it. He entered the U.S. Navy at 18, motivated to do his part in WWII. A veteran he served with the U.S. Navy had oversea duty in the Asian Pacific Theater. He was a member of the Pueblo naval reserve as a petty officer first class from 1959 to 1967. Gilbert had a fulfilling 42-year career with civil services that took him to many Army military installations from Thailand, Okinawa, South Korea, Japan and Alaska, in 1967 and Europe in 1966, for which he received many letters of accommodation. As a civilian, Gilbert did 2 one-year tours in Vietnam during the height of the conflict. By 1970, he relocated his family to Nurnberg W. Germany. He traveled to many European U.S. Military bases teaching classes and troubleshooting challenges. Gilbert spent a year in Soule, South Korea with his favorite 3-year assignment in Hawaii. Gilbert was active with the Knights of Columbus for 70 years. Gilbert G. Wilkins leaves his loving family, his wife, M. Evelyn Wilkins; son, Glen (Carol) Wilkins of Pueblo West, Colo.; daughter, Shirley (James) Hedges of Orange Park, Fla.; daughter, PJ (Francis Anthony – Tony) Bell of Eagle River, Alaska; son, Randal (Mary Ann) Wilkins of Roseville, Mich.; with many grand and great-grandchildren residing in Florida, Colorado, Michigan, Texas, Taiwan, Washington, California and the Czech Republic. On Jan. 13, 2023, funeral services will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 1132 W. Oro Grande Dr., Pueblo West, CO 81007. Rosary, 10:30 a.m. Mass, 11 a.m. Followed by words / reflection and slide presentation from the Wilkins Family at 11:45 a.m. A reception held at the church will be sponsored by the Ladies Guild - Bereavement Committee. Instead of flowers, please consider a donation in Gilbert Wilkins name to Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, 100 Greenhorn Dr., Pueblo, CO 81004

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 13. 10:30 AM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home, Crematory & Cemetery
1706 Roselawn Road
Pueblo, CO 81006
(719) 542-2934
<http://www.roselawnpueblo.org>

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM.

St. Paul The Apostle Church

Reception

JAN 13. 11:45 AM.

Church Will Be Sponsored By The Ladies Guild - Bereavement Committee

Tribute Wall

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“ *Although we didn't serve together, you are still my Ship Mate. "Fair Winds and Following Seas"*

Walter E. Bedlien MSCS/SS Ret. - January 18, 2023 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Dear Evelyn, PJ, Tony, and Family...Chip and I feel so honored to have met your wonderful husband and father, Gil. He was a joy to be around and a delight to talk to. The last time we saw him we were "debating" ;-) whether New Mexico or Colorado had the best chiles. It was a pretty funny conversation, and we smile to this day just thinking about it. Of course, Gil was right, but don't tell my sister, Mac.;-)*

Josefa and Chip - January 12, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gllbert G. Wilkins.*



January 12, 2023 at 10:04 AM