

Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.

June 27, 1918 - August 9, 2015

Charles Gilbert "Gil" Dunn, a longtime pillar of the Kent Island community, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 9, 2015, after living a long and wonderful life.

He was born in Baltimore on June 27, 1918, and after graduating from Baltimore City College H.S., he earned a Bachelor's degree from Loyola College. He served in the United States Army during World War II and subsequently graduated from the University of Cincinnati Pharmacy School and began his career as a Pharmacist.

Gil and his wife, Florence, were married on June 23, 1945, and moved to Kent Island in 1953. There, they raised their family, and he opened the Kent Island Pharmacy, which became a cornerstone of the community, for 44 years. Gil and Florence enjoyed a mutual love for Kent Island and "Doc Dunn" never closed his doors, to help a neighbor and friend. Gil often mentioned, that moving to Kent Island, was one of the best decisions that he ever made in his life.

He and Florence were instrumental in establishing St. Christopher's Catholic Church. An accomplished baseball player and avid Baltimore Orioles fan, he established the first Kent Island Little League. His love of baseball, inspired Gil to create a tribute to his boyhood idol and Queen Anne's County legendary

native Jimmy Foxx in his pharmacy, which became a landmark far and wide and which crowned Gil “Jimmy Foxx’s #1 Fan.”

He served as President of the Lion’s Club and the Kent Island Heritage Society. In this latter role, he was single-handedly responsible for the restorations of the Kent Island train station in downtown Stevensville. After learning to play the clarinet while in his sixties, Gil spearheaded the effort to establish the Kent Island Volunteer Band and was a driving force and fixture in the Kent Island Days celebrations. Through it all, he still found time to become a private pilot.

But first and foremost, Gil was a loving and caring husband and father. The love of his life, Florence, preceded him in death in 2012, after 67 years of marriage. The couple was blessed with five children, Catherine (McComas), who passed away in 2013; Gil, Jr. of Lexington, KY; Susan (Webb) of High Point, NC; and Florence “Bucky” (Wills) and Mary Dunn of Kent Island; as well as thirteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his two brothers, John and Bill, and survived by his sister, Mary Rouchard of Woodbine, MD.

Gil lived and extraordinary life and his personal, professional and civic achievements are an example for all to follow. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends, but leaves a legacy of love for family and service to his community which will not be forgotten.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015, from 4-7 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. A service will be held on Friday, August 14, 2015, at 11 a.m. at St. Christopher’s Catholic Church in Chester, MD. Burial will be in Stevensville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Kent Island Heritage Society, P.O.

Box 321, Stevensville, MD 21666.

Cemetery Details

Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street
Stevensville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 12, 2015 at 01:12 PM



A life lived well, is a life well lived!

Deb Langrell - August 13, 2015 at 08:28 AM



Family lives on!

eileen masaschi - August 22, 2015 at 09:08 AM



“ *Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

SW

“ Hello, this is Sarah Westrom (Wilderson). A neighbor from across the street. I just heard of this so its a little late. Just having some great memories of Mr. Dunn! Playing my trumpet with him at the heritage society meetings. Going to his wonderful Christmas parties. He was so upbeat and loved everyone. It just goes to show how a great attitude attributes to a long and wonderful life! He will be missed. My daughter is now almost the age I was when I met Gil as a child. Hard to believe! My sympathies,

love, Sarah

Sarah Westrom - January 12, 2016 at 12:51 PM

KC

“ Dear Bucky and Jim,
We are so sorry. Your Dad was one of the first people we met, when we moved to Kent Island 30 years ago. His demeanor exuded happiness and friendliness. Around our house he was always referred to as "Mr. Kent Island". He represents what people love about our small town area. There will never come a time when we travel down Main Street, without thinking about him. He will live on in the hearts of many, for many years to come.

Love,
Kim and Doug Cooper

Kim Cooper - August 20, 2015 at 04:42 PM

KL

“ To the Dunn Family,
Doc was one of the nicest people ever. He always had a smile and knew all of his patrons by name. Thanks so much for sharing him with us over the years. May your memories give you comfort and God give you peace. He will always be lovingly remembered by all who knew him. With love, Kathy Lantz



Kathy Lantz - August 18, 2015 at 09:49 AM

JG

“ Our condolences are with the family. We're so sorry we can't be there as we are on our way to California. Love and prayers, Jay and Toni Gibson.

Jay Gibson - August 13, 2015 at 06:22 PM

GC

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - August 13, 2015 at 09:21 AM

WS

“ *Very few people can make a lasting impact on other's lives by just being themselves. Gil Dunn was a giant of a man just by being helpful, kind, pleasant, trusting, faithful, trusting, and-on-and-on-and-on. May the sadness you feel at this time be short and may your loving memories give you many times of happiness as you rejoice in the life you shared with so many others. Blessings and prayers to the family.*



William Smouse - August 13, 2015 at 05:11 AM

LR

“ *To all of the Dunn family,
I was sorry to hear of Doc Dunn's passing. He was truly an amazing man that loved his family, friends and community. I have many happy memories of Doc and your Mom over the years. I remember one time when my daughter, Cari, started with her finger swelling which progressed up her arm. I called the pediatrician to explain her symptoms and let her know that she was on an antibiotic. She said to continue the medicine and make an appointment the next day when the office opened. We called Doc Dunn on a Sunday at home. He said to stop the medicine right away, she is having a drug reaction. She ended up in the hospital that night but had we listened to her doctor it could have been worse, Doc Dunn was right. We were thankful that we could call Doc Dunn for his advice and he was willing to talk shop on his day off and was even known to open the pharmacy in emergencies. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this sad time. May all of your happy memories and the thought that your Mom and Dad are reunited help you through the this difficult time.*

*Fondly,
Lisa Rosendale*

Lisa Rosendale - August 13, 2015 at 03:01 AM

JE

“ Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Jim Ewing - August 12, 2015 at 10:14 PM

KR

“ Mary, Your father was a very special man to the community. Thinking of you! Hugs. Kim Ruth

Kim Ruth - August 12, 2015 at 07:06 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr..



August 11, 2015 at 10:07 PM

KH

“ MR GIL WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL MAN WHO ALWAYS HAD A GIGANTIC SMILE AND KOIND WORD. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY , EVEN THE REG CUSTOMERS HE CONSIDERED FAMILY , MR DUNN EVEN HELPED MY SMALL HOME BASED BUSINESS GROW YRS AGO BY SELLOING MY PRODUCTS IN HIS STORE, AND HE WAS THE FIRST KENT ISLAND BUSINESS TO GET A TICKET MASTER AND BIY DID WE LOVE HAVING THAT ON THE ISLAND . HE WAS LOVED FOR MANY REASONS,AND WILL BE TRULY MISSED , PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY

KATHY LEE HYDE - August 11, 2015 at 08:34 PM

CJ

“ Claudia Jewell lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Claudia Jewell - August 11, 2015 at 02:29 PM

CJ

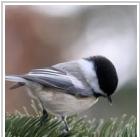
Anyone who grew up on Kent Island in the 60s knew, respected and loved Dr Dunn. He and Florence were very special people and an integral part of the area. Our prayers go out to his family at this sad time. May your memories bring comfort and peace.

Claudia Jewell - August 11, 2015 at 02:38 PM

JE

Kent Island has lost someone very special. Dr. Dunn gave many of us jobs in his pharmacy, was a wonderful and kind man who mentored us and made us want to succeed. I will always remember his smile and his motto "Stick with those Birds"! He will be greatly missed. Special thoughts and prayers to his family. Jannice Garrettson Edwards

Jannice G. Edwards - August 12, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ Peggy Ransom lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Peggy Ransom - August 11, 2015 at 01:12 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Doug Pierson - August 11, 2015 at 12:35 PM

AW

“ *Amy Wiscott lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Amy Wiscott - August 11, 2015 at 10:56 AM

VI

“ *TO ALL THE DUNN FAMILY!
I am sorry to hear of Doc Dunn's passing! I had the pleasure of working with him at his pharmacy. He was such a kind, caring, loving and patient man with the sweetest disposition!!! My sympathy and prayers go out for you all!!
val whaley ivins*

val whaley ivins - August 11, 2015 at 10:42 AM

LK

“ *Gil and Florence were so wonderful to KIFA. We are all grateful for the space he and Florence gave for people on Kent island to do art. Wonderful giving people. Laura Keene*

laura keene - August 11, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr..



August 11, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ Dear Bucky and Jimmy, my heartfelt and sincere sorrow for the loss of Mr. Gil Dunn. I still can remember clearly meeting him at the Pharmacy for the first time as a young sales rep for District Photo. He was the most kindest, friendly and one of the best persons I have ever met to this day. We became friends very quickly and made everyone feel welcome. My best to the entire family.

Andy Wheeler

Andy Wheeler - August 11, 2015 at 08:14 AM



Oh my gosh Andy . it is so good to hear from you. We did have some fun times at the pharmacy and I remember you and district photo and all the laughs we had. Hope you're doing well. Bucky

bucky wills - August 11, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ Shosh Callahan lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Shosh Callahan - August 11, 2015 at 07:45 AM

EK

“ He and Florence were my across the street neighbors which I already missed seeing and talking to them. Now they are back together. May they both rest in peace
Eleanor Kemp



Eleanor Kemp - August 11, 2015 at 05:26 AM

BW

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Bucky Wills - August 10, 2015 at 10:18 PM

SC

They were the best neighbors you could have

Shosh Callahan - August 11, 2015 at 07:47 AM

SH

Remembering the days of doc and fun times at Kent Island Pharmacy. thoughts and prayers for the entire family. Sheree (Price)Horney

Sheree Horney - August 26, 2015 at 11:02 PM

EG

“ Carlos and I were so sad to hear about Dr. Dunn. We have too many happy family memories to count. At home, church and work he was always happy and always active of mind and body. I always admired the way the Dunn family would converse about important issues of the day when we would sit in the living room. Dr. Dunn encouraged his children to know and understand what was going on in the world. He and Mrs. Dunn beamed with pride with their children, and later their grandchilrens' successes in school, work and athletics.

I remember him running between his home and "the store" or riding on that little red moped day after day in all weather. I remember him following the Watergate trials while I worked at his store, my first job. Invitations to the house for my sister to have a swim in the summers was a special treat. My horse went to live with him when I went to college but he welcomed me back to ride when I was home. He had many spirited conversations about baseball with my Texan husband when we got the chance to stop by on our visits to "the north". And let's not forget the Jimmie Foxx collection. He was committed to the community and preserving the great heritage of Kent Island.

Mary, Bucky, Susan and Gil, you know that all of us Rosendales loved your parents. We are sharing the loss with you. You all are in our prayers. May you feel the peace of Christ surrounding you through these difficult days.

Love,

Carlos and Eileen (Rosendale) Garza

Eileen Garza - August 10, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ *Nan Severa lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Nan Severa - August 10, 2015 at 09:05 PM



condolences from the Severa family

Nan Severa - August 10, 2015 at 09:05 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers for the entire family.*



Phil Davidson II - August 10, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ *Many great memories of Mr. Dunn! Absolutely one of my favorite customers at The Island Inn, R.I.P dear Sir and my condolences to the family <3*

April Groh - August 10, 2015 at 08:18 PM



“ *Laird And Pat Adams lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Laird and Pat Adams - August 10, 2015 at 07:57 PM

JC

“ I'll never forget Doc's great laugh and kind words to everyone he saw. He was part of the soul of Kent Island and it was evident in the store when you went in. Doc, Mrs. Dunn and the girls were always there.

My deepest condolences and prayers to you all at the loss of a wonderful man.

John Caputo - August 10, 2015 at 07:25 PM

SE

“ Bucky, Mary, Susie & Gil,
I am sad to hear that Gil has passed. I looked after him on Saturdays at his house for 3 years. He always kept me entertained with stories from his long life. I am sorry he is gone and he will be missed.

*Fondly,
Sue Ellison*

Sue Ellison - August 10, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ Bonny Morris lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Bonny Morris - August 10, 2015 at 06:39 PM

JC

“ *Janice Carrell lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Janice Carrell - August 10, 2015 at 06:26 PM

BL

“ *It's with regret Peggy and I read of Gil's passing. He was always kind to us, and friendly, and his enthusiasm for life was inspiring. Our best to his family, and all who loved Gil, with sincere condolences.*

Brent Lewis - August 10, 2015 at 06:10 PM

JM

“ *Joe & Sue McFarland lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Joe & Sue McFarland - August 10, 2015 at 04:51 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Bonnie Coleman - August 10, 2015 at 04:37 PM



“ Bucky, Mary, Susan & Gil, My Mom & Dad asked that I convey their deepest sympathy at the loss of your Dad. He lived a wonderful life and will be so sadly missed! As some of you know, my mom and your dad shared the same birthday and always exchanged gifts on that day. Your Dad always sent flowers and my Mom baked that chocolate cake he loved. She said sometimes she would have some icing left over and take that up too. Your Mom and Dad would dip into the icing for a taste, saving the cutting of the cake until you all could have some. It has been 58 years of this birthday ritual. I remember it all my life! "Let's go up the road and take Doc his cake"...Such fond memories of buying candy at the counter at Kent Island Pharmacy, Ludens wild cherry cough drops and Charms grape lollipops then going over to the baseball collection and looking at the Jimmy Foxx memorabilia. Buying Mom Coty's L'aimant perfume and picking out a card. All overseen lovingly by your wonderful Mom & Dad. Always that wonderful smile and a willingness to care for and about the "family" of Kent Islander's. We thank the Lord for giving us 97yrs of Doc on the Earth. Bless you all for sharing him with the rest of us! With much love, Calvert & Rebecca Thompson & Deb Langrell

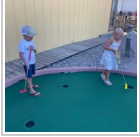
Deb Langrell - August 10, 2015 at 04:05 PM



“ Diane Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Diane Hoxter - August 10, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *DOC was a neighbor for a lot of years and a very good one prayers sent to the FAMILY*

Diane Hoxter - August 10, 2015 at 12:47 PM

KH

“ *KAREN HERLIHY lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



KAREN HERLIHY - August 10, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ *Mary,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Tammy Holmes*



Tammy Holmes - August 10, 2015 at 10:15 AM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Tracy Schulz - August 10, 2015 at 10:13 AM

SW

“ Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Sheila Willis - August 10, 2015 at 09:12 AM

CR

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Chris Rouchard - August 10, 2015 at 08:43 AM

CR

“ Dear sweet Uncle Gil will always be a joy in our lives and memories
"...EVERYONE LOVES UNCLE GIL..."



Chris Rouchard - August 10, 2015 at 08:42 AM

DC

“ Deborah Baker Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.



Deborah Baker Caldwell - August 10, 2015 at 06:46 AM

DC

I grew up on Kent Island in the 60's and the Dunn Pharmacy was the only one on the Island. He was a great man!!! It was a less populated area back then and we all knew each other. Many prayers and sympathy to all the Dunn family!!

Deborah Baker Caldwell - August 10, 2015 at 06:51 AM

DG

Yes I grew up on Kent Island in the 60's too and Dr. Dunn was always kind and friendly whenever you went into the store. My prayers go out to the Dunn family. He was a wonderful man, may he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing to you all.
Debra Grollman

Debra Grollman - August 10, 2015 at 05:51 PM

CG

“ *Cynthia Goodman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Cynthia Goodman - August 09, 2015 at 07:38 PM

CG

What a great man. Many memories of the pharmacy on the Island.

Cynthia Goodman - August 09, 2015 at 07:40 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Lister Adkins lit a candle in memory of Charles "Gil" Gilbert Dunn Sr.*



Lisa Lister Adkins - August 09, 2015 at 06:00 PM

PR

“ *What a wonderful man--Doc Dunn. So many great memories of visiting his pharmacy--back when our area was less populated and we all knew each other. Our hearts go out to you Buckey & Jim and to all your family. May all your fond memories help relieve the pain in your hearts.*

Pat Radcliffe

Pat Radcliffe - August 09, 2015 at 04:01 PM