



## William Fred Gilmore

August 20, 1947 - October 1, 2022

William “Bill” Gilmore, passed away October 1, 2022, at the age of 75 in Easton, MD. Imbued with a wickedly sharp sense of humor, he spent his final days in the hospital cutting up with his family, best friend, Doug, and any and all unsuspecting nurses and doctors.

Bill was born on August 20, 1947, in Cumberland, RI, son of the late Fred and Phyllis (Dixon) Gilmore. He met the love of his life, Terri, when they were both just sixteen years old and students at Cumberland High School. Terri will never forget the life of adventures they shared which began on their very first date, as Bill picked her up in his mother’s 1948 Plymouth with rusted-out floorboards. Quick thinking on Bill’s part provided the solution of placing the cover of his mother’s washing machine under the carpet to keep Terri safe.

The adventure continued after Bill proposed with a diamond ring inside a Cracker Jack Box. Bill and Terri said “I do” in September of 1968, and, within the next few years their family began with the arrival of their son, David, and daughter, Nancie. In 1972, they purchased their first home in Swansea, MA, where Bill found his passion and calling in life as a volunteer firefighter, serving proudly with the “Wise Men of the North” - Station Four.

A lifelong learner, Bill graduated in 1988 with his degree in Electrical Engineering. Ever the family man, he missed his own graduation to attend his

son David's high school graduation. In his early career he worked on pioneering energy conservation in pumps and motors and spent time working on oil rigs to nuclear powered submarines. He accepted a position with Bryant University, Smithfield, RI, as Associate Director of Physical Plant where he spent many years streamlining and implementing energy efficient programs. Once again, Bill weighed the benefits of his new position with his role as the family provider in mind when he joined the staff at Bryant University, knowing his new position would provide his children with the opportunity to obtain their degrees for free.

In the latter half of his life, he worked as the Vice President of Operations for The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. It was here he found a new way to serve as he was introduced to The Concours D'Elegance of St. Michael's Maryland. Bill enjoyed 15 years of volunteering with the Concours, friendships made, and many beautiful vehicles were admired. Most recently he had the pleasure of serving the commissioners of St. Michaels as Assistant Codes Compliance Officer.

Bill will always be remembered for his servant's heart, his dedication to his family, and his never-ending supply of corny jokes. His passion for serving others has been branded into his family who each seek to carry on his legacy in their own way.

He is survived by his sister, Judith Gilmore of Dover, DE, and his two children, Nancie Mandeville and her husband Troy, of Marshville, NC; and David Gilmore and his wife, Jill, of Salisbury, MD. He has five grandchildren, Michaela (Salem) Seabrease and her husband Josh, Lauren (Salem) Whitley and her husband Seth, Caroline and Meredith Gilmore, and Cole Mandeville.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, October 29th. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Please RSVP to "bill+memorial(at)gilmorefamily.name" for

additional information.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the name of Bill Gilmore to the Case High Scholarship Trust Fund, PO Box 33, Swansea, MA 02777. Scholarships in his name will be awarded to students of family members of Swansea Volunteer Fire Department Station 4.

# Previous Events

## celebration of life

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM.

TBA

*RSVP to [bill+memorial@gilmorefamily.name](mailto:bill+memorial@gilmorefamily.name)*

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Fred Gilmore*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Fred Gilmore*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Fred Gilmore*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Bill and i met while he was working at cbmm and i was an engineer at choptank electric coop, the museums electric service company. We developed a fun working report intermingling our engineering and naval war story experience with the actual work at hand. He was a frequent attendee of choptanks annual meetings, promoting energy conservation measures as an independent presenter. I frequently saw him working in his yard with his bermuda straw hat on, so much so he recognized my truck and would wave as i went by. He was proud of his flagpole with a firemans hat as a halberd. Bill touched a lot of folks in the community in a lot of ways and will be missed. My condolences to the family.*

**Cecil CRISS** - October 28, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of William Fred Gilmore.*



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October 27, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *I was so saddened to hear of the Passing of Bill. He was such an active firefighter in our Town of Swansea Massachusetts. Bill was a fixture at Station 4 and will be remembered for his service. He was always ready to help anyone in need and made a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. He will live on in our minds and hearts forever. Rest assured that his family and friends will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May he Rest In Peace.*

*Carl F. Sawejko*  
**SWANSEA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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**Carl F. Sawejko** - October 18, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *I heard the name Bill Gilmore over and over years before I ever met him and all I heard was good! He was one of my father-in-laws best friends. They worked together at CBMM and maintained a wonderful friendship for 15 years, last speaking with each other only one week ago. Bill could always be seen around town wearing his very distinguished. My acquaintance with Bill was through the police department and all I can say is that he was a problem solver and helped us out with various improvement projects. Saying that he will be greatly missed is an understatement! My deep condolences to the family.*

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**Tiffany Sweeney** - October 06, 2022 at 09:01 AM

DL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Gilmore family.. Bill was a great friend and mentor at Bryant and was always quick witted with me. He daily played the military wake up call for me as he fondly referred to me as "The Old Seargent" in respect of my 25 years of Army service prior to my working at Bryant. A GREAT MAN who will be sorely missed.  
Dave Leduc (the old sarge)

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David G Leduc - October 05, 2022 at 08:24 PM

DR

“ I worked with Bill when he was the facilities manager at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. He was one of Choptank Electric Cooperative's key accounts, a member of the co-op, as well, as being an ardent supporter and advocate of the co-op. He was always happy to share his vast knowledge of the electric business with me, my co-workers, and other members of the co-op, as well. Bill was always kind, gracious, and yes, loved to make me laugh with those corny jokes (but I really did think they were pretty funny!). Bill would shoot me a text every now and then, even after I retired, to keep me updated on various electric business. I will miss him very much. He was extremely proud of his family, and his love and devotion to Terri was heartwarming. And he loved his fur family so much, too! My love, condolences, and prayers to the family.  
Warmest regards,  
Debbie Rementer

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Debbie Rementer - October 05, 2022 at 03:55 PM

TM

“ 2 files added to the album *Photos of Bill*



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**Tracey Finch Munson** - October 05, 2022 at 02:52 PM



*Thank you for sharing these wonderful photos of my dad. The patriotic picture is 110% him! I proudly carry on the tradition of decorating our home in red white and blue from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.*

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**Nancie Mandeville** - October 05, 2022 at 05:00 PM

BN

*Terri and Family, I Just learned of the passing of Bill. I have many fond memories of talking with Bill and he always found a way to make my day. I would see him in St. Michaels when I worked for Choptank Electric and at Talbot Kennel Club with you. Bill was such a great guy, and he was always willing to help you with anything. He was just an all-around good person. Our heart goes out to your family. Sharon and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Buster & Sharon Nelson*

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**BUSTER & SHARON NELSON** - October 11, 2022 at 10:28 PM

TL

“ I met Bill at Walco Electric in January 1975. He was a great human being.

*I worked with him at Bryant for many years as their high voltage consultant.*

*He was always in a cheerful mood and ready to get the job done, whatever it was.*

*My condolences to his family.*

*Tom Lapointe*

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**Thomas J Lapointe** - October 05, 2022 at 10:19 AM

FK

“ *The past and present members of Station 4 of the Swansea (MA) Volunteer Fire Dept. are deeply saddened to learn of Bill's passing. He was and continued to be a valued member of our team all his adult life. His touch is everywhere at our station. RIP friend, we'll take it from here.*

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**Fran L Kelly** - October 04, 2022 at 04:55 PM