



## Dorsey Otto Gilliam

February 24, 1933 - November 5, 2022

Dorsey Otto Gilliam was born February 24, 1933 in Harlan County, Kentucky and grew up on Cloverlick in Cumberland, KY. He passed away on November 5, 2022 in London, KY with all his children by his side.

He is survived by one sister, Sybil Eudene Hudson, of Pensacola, FL; his four children, Greg Gilliam of Canoa, Ecuador, Katie Gilliam (and husband Kurt Kraus) of London, KY, Mark Gilliam (and wife Brittnie Gilliam) of Annville, KY, and Joel Gilliam (and wife Kayla Gilliam) of London, KY; six grandchildren, Caleb Gilliam, Harlan Gilliam, Isaac Gilliam, Katie Allison Gilliam, Maggie Gilliam and Addison Gilliam.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Elbert Gilliam, and mother, Polly Dixon Gilliam; as well as his brothers, Hubert Gilliam, Harold Gilliam, Jack Gilliam and Jerry Gilliam.

Otto was a retired mining lab technician with Berwind Corporation. He graduated from Cumberland High School and served in the United States Navy during the Korean War and played basketball for the Navy Flyers. He married the late Susie Charlene Hartsock Gilliam. He became an avid golfer during his retirement and loved playing golf and cards with his dear friends that he loved so much. Otto was a Kentucky Colonel, a member and fixture of the Lynch Country Club and served as Quarter Master of the VFW Post 5171

in Cumberland, KY. Otto personalized his stories and was genuinely loved by everyone. Always smiling, always laughing and always making everyone happy, he was truly the “life of the party!” His legacy lives on in his family and many friends and there is no doubt that “Otto” stories will be told for many years to come.

A Celebration of Life for Otto Gilliam will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at Benham School House Inn in Benham, Kentucky. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

The family requests that any flowers be delivered to:

THE GILLIAM FIRM, PLLC

219 E. 4th Street

London, KY 40741

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Benham Schoolhouse Inn  
100 Central Ave  
Benham, KY 40807  
(606) 848-3000

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I am Jamey Aron Gilliam Grandson of Jack Aron Gilliam and Never got to meet Otto I've only ever met Hubert and talked with Eudene on the phone I wish I could've met my great uncle

Jay Gilliam - November 22, 2022 at 12:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorsey Otto Gilliam.



November 18, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorsey Otto Gilliam.



November 10, 2022 at 11:13 AM

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“ Sending love and comfort during these difficult times.



Teresa Mays - November 09, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorsey Otto Gilliam.*



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November 08, 2022 at 12:07 AM



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November 08, 2022 at 12:06 AM



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November 08, 2022 at 12:05 AM



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November 08, 2022 at 12:04 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dorsey Otto Gilliam.*



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November 07, 2022 at 11:30 PM



“ *Nishma McQueen lit a candle in memory of Dorsey Otto Gilliam*



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**Nishma McQueen** - November 07, 2022 at 04:12 PM