



Raymond Charles Gilbert

October 23, 1945 - March 9, 2025

Raymond Charles Gilbert, age 79, of Buckhannon died on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born in Baltimore, MD on October 23, 1945, a son of the late Raymond and Edna Brilhart Gilbert. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Robert Gilbert and one sister, Barbara Whaley. He was united in marriage on September 13, 2002, to Sandra Elaine Bennett Gilbert who survives in Buckhannon. In addition to his wife, he is survived by numerous brothers and sisters-in law and several nieces and nephews, a special friend Denny Earhart of Pittsburgh, PA.

Raymond was retired from the United States Navy with twenty years of service.

The family has honored his wishes for cremation and there will be no services.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Ray around 1975. I was managing a Hardee's restaurant on Forbes Avenue in Pittsburgh. Ray was hired as a trainee. Two or three days after he started, I left work to catch my bus home to Delmont. A few minutes later, I returned having missed my bus. Ray instantly and without hesitation, threw me the keys to his brand new Javlin and told me to take his car and he'd catch a bus to Wilksburg later. Wow! A couple weeks later, I left Hardees to pursue other opportunities. That was the last I saw of Ray until, a couple months later I was riding my motorcycle thru Wilksburg and there was Ray on his motorcycle. Well, we were never separated again! We had an amazing friendship and enjoyed many years of awesome adventures and friendship.

Later on, it was difficult knowing that Ray wasn't able to be active like he used to be. He ran marathons, played golf, skied, played tennis, loved to go camping and riding motorcycles. I know that he loved Elaine so very much, it's what kept him going these last couple years. We will all miss him but like his favorite song said, Ray is now a Free Bird! I Love you Raymon!



Denny - March 14, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ *Rest in Peace, Uncle Ray and sympathies and prayers for Aunt Elaine for your loss.* ”



Bob Whaley - March 11, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ *Though I didn't know you long, I enjoyed spending time with you and talking to you. I wish I had known you longer. I will miss you Ray.* ”

Robin Phillips - March 10, 2025 at 07:34 PM