



Horace Richard Gillette

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Horace R. Gillette, age 90 passed peacefully away at home, Wednesday morning, August 08, 2012 following a long illness. He was born in Muskegon on December 4, 1921 to Homer R. and Johanna (Beard) Gillette. Horace was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and was employed for 25 years as a firefighter with the City of Muskegon Fire Department, he retired in 1977. He married the former Beryl A. Horinga in Muskegon on February 14, 1942 and she preceded him in death in 2007. Mr. Gillette was a faithful member of Laketon Bethel Reformed Church where he served as deacon and was a former member of the V.F.W. He is survived by: a daughter, Judy (Richard) Lareva of Muskegon; a daughter-in-law, Joyce Gillette of Norton Shores; 4 grandchildren, Harrison Gillette, Jodi Hozer, Jason Bates & Josie Barker; and 7 great-grandchildren, Aubree, Athena, Ali, Caleb, Skylar, Kelcie & Elliot. He was also preceded in death by his son, Harold Gillette in 1994; 4 brothers and 2 sisters. The funeral service will be held at Laketon Bethel Reformed Church, 11:00 A.M., Monday, August 13, 2012 with Mr. Jan Reahm officiating. He will be laid to rest in Mona View Cemetery. Visitation will be held at:

The Lee Chapel
6291 S. Harvey St.
231-798-1100

Sunday 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. Memorial contributions: Laketon Bethel Reformed Church.



Events


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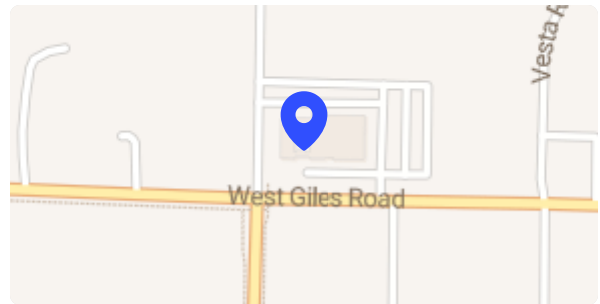
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Funeral Service


 **Monday**, August 13, 2012

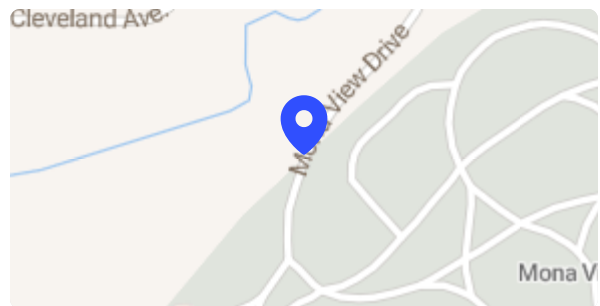
 11:00 AM ET

 **Laketon Bethel Church**
1568 West Giles Rd., N. Muskegon MI 49445



Cemetery Details

 **Mona View Cemetery**
3335 Mona View Drive, Muskegon Heights MI
49444





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JM

Jan Mjovig posted:

Judy, I was so sad to hear of your father's passing. He was a great guy and I have memories of all of you allway back to KG. I'll be thinking of you in the days ahead. Sorry I missed the funeral - I missed the obit until after the fact. Jan Mjovig

August 29 at 9:03 PM

HH

Harbor Hospice posted:

We send our sincere sympathy to your family. We are here to support you in your time of loss – today and for as long as you need us. – The Staff of Harbor Hospice.

August 14 at 3:16 AM

FM

Fred & Pat Mcwain posted:

We are deeply sorry for the passing of your dad & grandpa & great grandpa. Always remember the happy times in his life that he shared with all of you. Sincerely, Fred & Pat McWain

August 13 at 7:33 AM

AW

Anita Debor-Wheaton posted:

"My husband Robert worked with Horace in the Muskegon Fire Dept. Horace & Beryl became dear friends over the years they worked together. My youngest son, Mike DeBor was one of the first employees at their Frosty Boy. It was his first job. I have fond memories of the Gillette family & activities we shared. Love from the Robert DeBor family : Anita, Steve, Jeff, Alan, Mike

August 12 at 6:40 AM

RD

Rose Dillon sent a virtual gift in honor of Horace.

This earth would be a better place if there were more fine men like Horace Gillette. What a very precious friend he was to me. He always brought sunshine to the township hall. He will truely be missed. Rose Dillon, Fruitport Township



August 10 at 12:09 PM



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BG

Bill & Marcia Garrigan posted:

We were very sad to learn of the passing of Horace. In 1972 he built the first house we ever owned, a raised rancher a few doors down from where he and Beryl lived. A friendly old dog used to come with him while he was working on it. We lived there 29 years and loved every minute of it. We also liked to take our two daughters to the Frosty Boy that Horace ran near the Causeway. Once in a while he would feature a Pajama Night when people would get a discount if they came to buy ice cream in their pajamas. Our girls loved it and so did we. Horace was a WWII veteran, a member of the "greatest generation." We are sorry for your loss and proud to have known such a fine man.

August 10 at 11:31 AM

CP

Cyndi Pierce posted:

Uncle Horace was a true Christian. He stood firm in his beliefs and all that knew him could see it. I will truly miss him with all my heart.

August 9 at 8:42 PM

CJ

Cindy Johnson posted:

Mr. & Mrs. G were the first bosses I ever had, at Frosty Boy in North Muskegon. They were both great people & were very dear to my heart. I cried when Mrs. G. passed, & I am now too, but I know they are together again. It was always nice when I would take my dad to church on Sundays, the first person I would look for was Mr. G, because he always had a hug & a smile for me. I will miss him. Cindy Johnson, Nashville, TN

August 9 at 1:14 PM

LS

Linda Schultz lit a candle in honor of Horace.



August 9 at 6:02 AM

LS

Linda Schultz August 9 at 6:04 AM

Uncle Horace - a gentle soul, a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and uncle! May you rest in peace as you reunite with your family! I love you!



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Morgan Stroop posted:

I will miss you soooo very much! I think about you every day!!! You were and still are one of the sweetest guy out there =) Love Always, Morgan

August 9 at 4:50 AM



Lee Fonstein August 12 at 10:41 AM

It was my pleasure to know Horace through his daughter in law Joyce Gillette. We enjoyed many picnics on Mona lake. Watching Horace interact with his family brought a smile to those around him. I'm glad I had the opportunity to share him with family. May you all be blessed by his memory. Lee Fonstein



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Horace by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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