



Gilbert Michaelis

August 21, 1937 - July 12, 2017

Born August 21, 1937 in Great Bend, KS to H.E. "Mac" Michaelis and Bernice (Lipprand), Gil Michaelis passed away July 12, 2017 at the age of 79. He now joins his wife, Roberta Joan Michaelis who passed away on September 4, 2004. He is survived by Dale and Kathy Michaelis of Oklahoma City, OK, Mike and Dana Michaelis of Argyle, TX, B.J. and Sheila Michaelis of Parker, CO, and Patricia Michaelis from Tulsa, OK. Eleven grandchildren Misty, Alan, Adrienne, Derek, Austin, Brandon, Michaela, Devin, Jared, Baxter, and Garret. Six great-grandchildren, Beckett, Reese, Declan, Telesa, Raven, and Jaden.

Gilbert grew up in Russell and Great Bend, Kansas graduating from Great Bend Senior High School and then entering the United States Air Force. He married Roberta Joan (Bethel), his high school sweetheart on June 16, 1956 and they departed for his first duty station in Madison, Wisconsin. The family returned to Great Bend in 1960 after he separated from active duty where Gil entered into private business as a gas station owner. In 1966, the family moved to Guymon, OK where he worked in the oil business. Gil transitioned to the insurance business March 1967 in Guymon prior to moving to Alva in 1968 where he opened Mid Continent Insurance Agency. He was proud to have completed 50 years in the insurance business this past March and was recognized by the industry for his excellence in Insurance knowledge and customer loyalty many times throughout his career. He was a valued member of the Masonic Lodge and held multiple positions during his involvement with

the organization. Gil was a friend to many in northern Oklahoma who recognized him for his candor, professionalism and genuine concern for their wellbeing.

In addition to work with the Masons and serving on several boards, he gave back to the community as an umpire for junior high, high school, and collegiate level sports. He was extremely supportive of his athletes. This twenty-year avocation gave him great joy as he not only oversaw the game, but was able to watch young athletes develop and hone their skills.

Gil was an avid aviator and seized every opportunity he could to "make holes in the clouds". His passion for flying was only exceeded by the love he had for his family, friends and community. The companionship of Barbara Ann Bouziden, Bob Baker, Greg Baker, Debbie Ackerman, fellow Masons, fellow aviators and other community friends provided great joy since his wife's passing.

Gil was extremely proud of his children. He and Roberta raised a family of achievers with individual independence and sound family values. These children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are the legacy they achieved together.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Northwestern OSU Foundation Roberta Michaelis Memorial Scholarship at <https://my.nwfoundation.com>.

Or the Alva Masonic Lodge.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street
Alva Municipal Cemetery, OK 73717

Previous Events

Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Alva First Baptist Church
714 college Avenue
580-732-0956
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert Michaelis*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - July 17, 2017 at 05:34 PM

JT

“ *Mike and Judith Tuttle send their deepest sympathy for your loss. Our prayers will be with you.*

Judith Tuttle - July 25, 2017 at 04:49 AM

ED

“ *Thinking of you all at this time. Patresa shared this with me so I would know. My sympathy to all of you so glad to have known your Dad & Mom. We always exchanged Christmas cards in December Take care Bless all of you.*

Emma Doherty

Emma Doherty - July 21, 2017 at 01:47 PM

JM

“ *Dale and Family, so sorry to hear about your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Joy Modeland Minton - July 21, 2017 at 04:32 AM

GF

“ *Glenda, Shawna, Kelly O'Bleness and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gilbert Michaelis.*



Glenda, Shawna, Kelly O'Bleness and families - July 18, 2017 at 12:28 PM

SS

“ *Sending prayers & condolences to your family. I will always remember Gil's smile and his laugh! He will be missed!*

Shelly (Waldschmidt) Stoffel - July 17, 2017 at 09:58 PM

VT

“ *I first met Gil while working at the Sirloin Stockade with Mike. More recently, I enjoyed visiting with Gil each morning at the Post Office while I was working there. He always had a mischievous smile! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family. He was a special man and will be missed dearly.*

Valerie Tuxhorn

Valerie Tuxhorn - July 17, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ 110 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wharton Funeral Chapel - July 17, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ To the Michaelis:
Please accept my sympathies for the passing of your father.
Memories of setting at your dinner table doing homework or just
goofing around and your Dad keeping a key on Mike, Frank & Dale
to see what we were up to.
Sincerely,
Frank Babcock

Frank Babcock - July 17, 2017 at 04:17 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert Michaelis.



July 17, 2017 at 01:25 PM

NB

“ I visited with Gil in the post office frequently. My memories, too, were at the softball field. Gil always asked me, "How's KB?" Thinking of you Pinky and the rest of the family. Nellie Brown



Nellie Brown - July 15, 2017 at 11:23 AM

DP

“ Many years ago I witnessed this man giving up his time and money to fly a sick little newborn to St.Marys in Enid with DR. Bierig and I so this little guy could get quicker attention. What a great man he was. Fly with the Angels Gil !

Dannel Pfeider - July 14, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ Such a wonderful man. I always looked forward to working in Woodlake Estates because I knew Gil would stop and visit on his way home... Loved visiting with him,he keep me informed on Mike ,BJ and Pinky. He is with Roberta now, may God bless you all..

Raymond Knabe - July 14, 2017 at 05:00 PM

TR

My memories of him (and Pinky) come from the softball field. Always kind. positive, and encouraging. Thinking about you now Pinky and hoping you find comfort in the kind words of others.

Trina Resler - July 14, 2017 at 09:53 PM

ML

“ Nice man - will always remember that smile
Marilyn Lahr

Marilyn Lahr - July 14, 2017 at 11:34 AM