



## Teddy "Buddy" Gilpin

January 14, 1943 - June 2, 2019

Bluefield, WV- Teddy Leverne "Buddy" Gilpin, Sr., 76 of Bluefield, WV, died Sunday June 2, 2019 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center.

Born January 14, 1943 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Raymond Lewis Gilpin and Ruby Cleo Gillespie Gilpin.

Buddy was a well-known businessman and the owner of Buddy's Body Shop on Princeton Avenue for 40+ years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Frankfurt, Germany as Military Police. He was of the Church of Christ faith. Buddy was a good man. He had a passion for car shows and loved his 1951 Chevrolet. He enjoyed traveling and going to car shows in Gatlinburg, TN. He loved his family and especially being around his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Tina Marie Gilpin Hunt; and siblings, Diane Brown, Rosa Brown, Thomas Wayne Gilpin, and Kathy Marie Gilpin.

Survivors include his children, Toni Tibbs of Bluefield, WV, Teresa Lynn Gilpin of Green Valley, WV, and Buddy Gilpin, II and wife Adriana of Falls Mills, VA; mother and grandmother of his children; Valery Marie Constantino, siblings, Darlene Eary of Salem, VA, Betty Akers of Fredericksburg, VA, Joyce Hale and husband Jerry of Bluefield, VA, Jane Painter and husband Jimmy of Bluefield, WV, Judy Cole and husband Doug of Virginia Beach, VA, Larry Randell Gilpin of Bluefield, WV, Jimmy Ray Gilpin and wife Kathy of Bluefield, WV, and Jeff Gilpin and wife Reba of Smyrna, TN; eight grandchildren, two

great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted on Wednesday June 5, 2019 from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Minister Tony Reed officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Right at Home Health, Amedysis Hospice, and Rescare.

Those wishing to share memories and condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Teddy Leverne “Buddy” Gilpin.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Teddy "Buddy" Gilpin*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Teddy. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the family. Back in the day, Teddy and my dad, Benny Spry, were good friends. I remember him being down at Spry's Pennzoil station when I was little. He will be missed!*

*Greg Spry*

*Roanoke, VA*

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**Greg Spry** - June 16, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ *Toni,  
So sorry, sincere sympathy with you & family. Hugs and Prayers too!  
Dot (Daniels Company)*

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**Daris Dot Parks** - June 05, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ *Bobby and I are so sorry for your loss. We have many memories of times with Teddy. Wish we could be with you but due to health issues unable to do so. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Nancy Lowe** - June 05, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Teddy "Buddy" Gilpin.*



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June 05, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Teddy Gilpin, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, Teddy Gilpin, is "A True American Hero" God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - June 05, 2019 at 04:46 AM



“ *Teresa, Toni, and family, I am praying for peace and comfort for you through your loss. I'm so sorry.*

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**Sandy Vestal** - June 05, 2019 at 02:47 AM

TN

“ Everytime I think of Teddy I remember the goods times we shared. We spent many days just cruising the back roads of West Virginia and Virginia not knowing at times where we would even end up. We also had some great beach trips. He was like a brother to me. I always loved his family, because they always made me feel welcomed and part of the family. He always wanted to appear rough and gruff, but was a big ole "Teddy" bear at heart. When I visited him he never quit talking about his children and especially his grandchildren. He cherished them. I am so sorry for you all's loss. I love you all. Tim Nicewonder

Tim Nicewonder - June 04, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Teddy "Buddy" Gilpin.

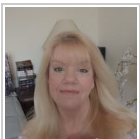


June 04, 2019 at 02:01 PM

EF

“ Rest in Peace Teddy. God called u into his home, which you are now part of. You have been a great friend to me family and we are going to miss you.

Edward E. Frankenfield - June 04, 2019 at 01:14 AM



“ Go rest in perfect peace, Uncle Teddy....all of our love, prayers and condolences to our family. Love, The Akers

Kelly Akers - June 03, 2019 at 09:30 PM

AC

“ So sorry to hear about your passing, Uncle Teddy. May you Rest In Peace. Thoughts and prayers with my cousins Buddy, Tina, and Teresa, along with the rest of the family.

Anthony Cole - June 03, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teddy "Buddy" Gilpin.



June 03, 2019 at 07:28 PM

SD

“ We are so very sorry about the Loss of your Dad, we loved Teddy and will always remember the fun times we shared together! We love you all and are praying for each of you. Gene and Sheila Davis

Sheila Davis - June 03, 2019 at 06:27 PM

JC

“ My heart is broken. Not easy losing one of your siblings that you grew up with. Teddy, I will never forget your laughter and your quirky ways, you were definitely one of a kind, but you were loved , even though you never thought so, I know you told me many times , when I asked you, do you know the Lord? And you said , sure I do and that was good enough for me. RIP my brother.



Judy Cole - June 03, 2019 at 05:24 PM

JT

“ Dear family, my deepest sympathies for you all!! Please know I am Keeping you all close to my thoughts and prayers!! Sending my love!! 🙏🙏💕😊🙏🙏

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**Jill Teetor** - June 03, 2019 at 05:12 PM

DJ

*Family, all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

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**Dorothy Johnson** - June 03, 2019 at 08:07 PM

DF

*For teddy's family and friends I'm so sorry for your loss , he too was my friend . We grew up in bull tail hollow a close community where memories are still very vivid in my mind. Three of our friends have left the scene ( Bill, Henry & teddy with others I suppose?) the best childhood any kid could wish for— we had!! I can still see teddy beside me in one of my cars after dusting some dude saying “ we really whopped them !”*

*I may have left Bluefield but never forgotten you guys , with deep sympathies I will close, forever, Duke.*

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**duke fowler** - June 21, 2019 at 11:57 AM