



## Johnny Ray Gilden

December 17, 1949 - September 15, 2022

SFC. Johnny R. Gilden (Retired) of Bolivar, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at his home in Bolivar.

He was born on December 17, 1949, in Bolivar to Nadia and Charles Davis.

Johnny enlisted in the Army to fight in the Vietnam War alongside his childhood best friend. After the war, he continued his military career. Johnny found his true calling as a Drill Sergeant in Fort Benning, GA and as a Paratrooper instructor for the 82nd Airborne out of Fort Bragg, NC. Although he loved the military, nothing was more important to him than family. After 21 years of service, he retired and returned home to Bolivar. While in Bolivar, he became active in the DAV, a place where he could continue his service, and where he had many friends and felt a big sense of comradery.

Johnny is survived by his 3 sons and one daughter: Cesar, Jonathan, Robert, and Gissella (Shelly), one brother James, and his sister Connie, along with 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Johnny will always be remembered for his sense of humor and generosity; He was truly one of a kind.

Graveside services with full military honors for Johnny will be held on

Saturday, September 24, 2022, beginning at 12:00 PM at Enon Cemetery in Morrisville, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Bolivar DAV in Johnny's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Enon Cemetery

Enon Cemetery, E 506th Rd, Morrisville, MO  
65710

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Enon Cemetery  
Enon Cemetery, E 506th Rd, Morrisville, MO 65710

# Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Ray Gilden

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Johnny Ray Gilden

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nellie Wilson - September 27, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ Such sad news to hear Johnny had passed away💔 I hope you know what joy and adventure you brought to my Mom's life. I know she will forever miss her friend, papa Johnny and all the 'I love you sweeties'! I know you both were as stubborn as the other but I know you both had a lot of love for each other. We will be thinking of you Johnny until we are all together again in Paradise.



Nellie Wilson - September 27, 2022 at 07:30 AM

DW

“ To the most interesting man in the world. Thank you for all the beautiful things you gave me, I see you everywhere and know you are not really gone. thanks for loving me we had an enchanting special thing between us I'll never forget, and i will miss you so much. God Bless Papa Johnnys family he loved you all so much I'm so sorry, we will miss his special kind magic and beautiful mind. My deepest sympathies and regrets i will love him always, He is our Angel now for sure Love always Debbie L Wilson

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**debbie lee wilson** - September 26, 2022 at 09:34 AM

GL

“ Gloria L Lopez lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Gilden



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**Gloria L Lopez** - September 23, 2022 at 05:09 PM

RB

“ Very sorry to here of the passing of Johnny he attended a lot of our auctions through the years he was always a interested buyer, very sorry for your loss. Ronald & Cindy Bruce

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**RONALD Bruce** - September 21, 2022 at 09:20 PM

MS

“ It was very heart breaking to hear that Johnny had passed. I always new when I went to the sale barn on Saturday mornings with my husband that I'd see Johnny sitting around a table inside the cafe drinking coffee and he would always give me a hug. He has been apart of our family for many years and I will always remember his sense of humor and his love for collecting antiques. He had such a caring, kind heart, when my dad passed he opened his home for us to work on my dad's funeral pictures and helped in anyway he could. He loved his family and he will be greatly missed. I know he's in heaven telling a story, he loved to talk. R I.P Johnny

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**Mary Stalker** - September 21, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ Shelly Gilden lit a candle in memory of Johnny Ray Gilden



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**Shelly Gilden** - September 21, 2022 at 06:45 PM