



Ralph Wayne Gilchrist

November 21, 1937 - December 5, 2008

RALPH WAYNE GILCHRIST

Ralph Wayne Gilchrist, 71, of Bolivar passed away peacefully in his home, Friday, December 5, 2008. He was born November 21, 1937, in Shenandoah, Iowa, the eldest son of Ralph and Jackie Gilchrist.

Ralph graduated from University of Missouri Law School in Columbia in 1968. He was appointed Polk County Prosecutor in 1969, then was elected and held the position for eight years. He practiced law in Bolivar for over 40 years. He had three children from his first marriage to Ann (Comstock): Laurie, David and Jeff Gilchrist and one foster daughter Cindy Fletcher.

He had 3 stepchildren from his second marriage to Linda (Stockstill): Kim and Bruce Hood and Derek Taylor.

Ralph was an avid fisherman, hunter and all-around outdoorsman. He enjoyed spending time with his family and many friends. He was a member of American Legion Post #138 and an U.S. Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Linda (Stockstill) Gilchrist; three children, Laurie Gilchrist of Bolivar, David Gilchrist of Aldrich, and Jeff Gilchrist of Austin Texas; three stepchildren Kim Trobish and husband Stephen, Bruce Hood and wife Tonna, and Derek Taylor, all of Bolivar; one brother Jim

Gilchrist and his wife Sue of Bolivar, and one sister Shirlee Smith of Rockport, Missouri; 8 grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, December 11, 2008, at 6 p.m., in the American Legion Hall #138, 1424 West Broadway, Bolivar. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Legion #138. Arrangements under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Ralph was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Wayne Gilchrist*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ralph Wayne Gilchrist*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Ralph was a very generous and giving man. Growing up in Bolivar he was a regular for Sunday breakfast at our house. He was a close friend to my parents and supportive of our family.*

He was diligent about his work and worked for his clients non-stop. He will truly be missed!

Tina Lisk - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. I remember many good things about Ralph. He was always a strong advocate for his clients.*

David Munton - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was truly saddened to hear of the passing of Ralph. He was my attorney several years ago and only wanted the best for me, he really looked out for me. Since then he has always come to see me every year at the corps to get his annual pass for fishing, i will truley miss his visits. Ralph was a wonderful person, may God bless and be with the family.*

Lori Wright - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ *Ralph Wayne Gilchrist*

Wanda Sheldon - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *He taught me to dot my I's and cross my T's anytime he was the opposing attorney. He will be missed.*

KAREN LEONARDT - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Dear Linda and family,
I am so sorry to learn of your loss
We send to you our deepest regards
and sympathy. We will be in touch
again our Love. John and Carolyn
Wilson.*

John D. Wilson - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Boji was a classmate at SHS, class of '55. We were saddened by this news. He will be missed by all of us. Thoughts are with all of you at this time. Myra*

Myra Hunter Libby - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We will miss Boji! He was a classmate at Shenandoah High School, class of '55. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.*

Margaret Boyd Murray - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I always enjoyed my dealings with Ralph and will miss them. My deepest sympathy for your loss. Larry Burditt*

Larry Burditt - December 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. Ralph was an extraordinary man. He was a friend of our family for many years. He has helped my family many times over the years. Not to long ago, I was able to set and talk to Ralph about the passing of my mother and memories he had of my mother. I am thankful now of having that opportunity with Ralph. May god bless his family and loved ones during the loss of a wonderful man.*

Kendra Bartshe-Herbert - December 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM