



William J. Gulley

October 25, 1919 - May 8, 2014

William Jesse “Bill” Gulley, age 94 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Thursday morning, May 8, 2014, at 10:15 AM at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Bill was born October 25, 1919 in Ullin, Illinois. He was the son of Louis Isaac Gulley and Cora Mae (Severs) Gulley.

Bill is survived by: his children – William Lewis Gulley of Valier, Jessie Lee (Ed) Smith of Alton, and Tina Lynn (Steve) Penrod of Vienna; 7 grandchildren – Mike, Jeff, Michelle, Scott, Robert, Staci, and Stephani; several great grandchildren; 3 sisters – Blanche Mize of Cairo, Wilma Swadner of Peoria, and Nina Goines of Wetaug; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by: a daughter-in-law Ruth Ann Gulley; 3 brothers – Elmer Gulley, Arlie Gulley and Louis “Pete” Gulley; and 2 sisters – Myrtle Dauksch and Mary Crader.

Bill had attended the Wetaug Public School.

Bill was a U.S. Army veteran. He served in the Pacific Theater of operation during World War II. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Technical

Sergeant. Bill was an active member of the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post in Vienna, where he was recognized in 2005 for 16 years service as Post Commander.

Bill was employed for 42 years by the Illinois Central Railroad. He had served as a bridge and building inspector and last worked as the carpenter's shop foreman in the Carbondale rail yard. Bill retired in 1979. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees.

Bill was a member of New Columbia Masonic Lodge # 336, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Ainad Temple).

Bill was a member of the Church of Christ and worshipped at Central Church of Christ in Paducah. Bill was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to mow and enjoyed spending time sitting on the deck feeding the fish. He supported and enjoyed attending local school sporting events and spending time drinking coffee with his buddies at McDonald's. As a carpenter, Bill appreciated the skill of building and crafting. He cherished his family and especially loved to spend time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon, May 10, 2014, at 5 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Jim Faughn and Bro. Ronnie Gulley will officiate. Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post and the Illinois National Guard burial honors detail.

Visitation will be from 2 PM – 5 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any U.S. Veterans Service Organization in Bill's memory.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
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<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

MAY 10. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Gulley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Cracra Morris lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Cracra Morris - May 11, 2014 at 02:03 PM

MF

“ *Almost every morning we would see Bill at McDonalds. He would always stop by our table & chat with dad on his way out, (usually about Obama) & we would always have a good laugh. Bill was a good man. We will miss him.*

mark racey & family - May 10, 2014 at 11:50 AM

MR

“ *Mark & Tracy Racey lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Mark & Tracy Racey - May 10, 2014 at 11:40 AM

RM

“ *Prayers to the family. So sorry for your loss*

Rebekah Mahoney - May 10, 2014 at 10:23 AM



“ *You all are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



Karla Hale - May 09, 2014 at 11:19 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Gulley, it was a pleasure and a honor knowing you. I am very happy to have known you. I am proud to know you were my friend.* ”

Jean & Jon Simmons - May 09, 2014 at 09:55 PM

TT

“ *Prayers to the family. Bill was a kind gentleman.* ”



Todd Test - May 09, 2014 at 08:58 PM

JT

“ *Praying for all of his family in this time of loss.* ”



Jennifer Travis - May 09, 2014 at 08:13 PM

BH

“ *Bill And Lorie Hawkins lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Bill and Lorie Hawkins - May 09, 2014 at 07:56 PM

DO

“ *Deon Orange lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Deon Orange - May 09, 2014 at 02:41 PM

CB

“ *Bill will truly be Missed by anyone who was blessed to meet him, He never met a stranger He had great stories to tell his smile was contagious ! My heart & Prayers goes out to Tina ,Steve, Stacy, Stephanie their husbands and children. He was a great Dad and Grandfather ! Till we meet Again Mr. Gulley!!!*



Carol Orange Bryant - May 09, 2014 at 02:41 PM

JG

“ *Jim & Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Jim & Lora Goddard - May 09, 2014 at 12:56 PM

RH

“ *What a great guy, great smile and sweetheart. Love em and will miss him.*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - May 09, 2014 at 11:22 AM

DH

“ *Darcie Hancock lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Darcie Hancock - May 09, 2014 at 09:30 AM

JF

“ *We will all miss Bill. Prayers and thoughts to the family.*

Richard and Joan Owen



joan faulkner - May 09, 2014 at 08:28 AM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Jeannie McCall - May 09, 2014 at 07:00 AM

DC

“ *Don Campbell lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Don Campbell - May 09, 2014 at 05:19 AM

HV

“ *Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Harold & Georgia Vinson - May 08, 2014 at 11:37 PM

MB

“ *Mary Ann Crader Bush lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Mary Ann Crader Bush - May 08, 2014 at 10:33 PM

JR

“ *Jim & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Jim & Diane Rainbolt - May 08, 2014 at 10:24 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 08, 2014 at 08:10 PM

JC

“ *So sorry for your loss at this time. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

John Cherry - May 08, 2014 at 06:35 PM

NW

“ *Neal&Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Neal&Carol Watkins - May 08, 2014 at 06:29 PM

BB

“ *Billy and I are sorry for the loss of your Dad*

Billy and Nancy Belford - May 08, 2014 at 05:39 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Bill and Barb Warmack - May 08, 2014 at 05:17 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Rich and Karen Brumley - May 08, 2014 at 02:53 PM

RB

Tina and family, We are so very sorry for the loss of your dad. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Rich and Karen Brumley - May 08, 2014 at 02:54 PM

BW

“ *Brent & Tracy Williams lit a candle in memory of William J. Gulley*



Brent & Tracy Williams - May 08, 2014 at 02:49 PM

DT

“ *sorry for your loss, will always have fond memories of bill reevesville has lost one of its finest.*

dan troutt - May 08, 2014 at 02:47 PM

DM

“ *so sorry to hear of the loss of Bill. Dickie and i Both thought the world of him a Dear man he was.*



Dickie and connie mathis - May 08, 2014 at 02:31 PM