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Mr. Jay Theodore Gilson, Sr. of Mount Dora, FL passed away on Monday, November 12, 2012 at the age of 88 years. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. Jay served his country in the US Navy during WWII and the Korean War. He retired after more than 22 years of service. He loved to read, especially westerns and play Golf in his free time. He is survived by his daughter, Linda G. Lackey of Mount Dora, FL and Nancy Gilson of Winter Park, FL; son, Jay T. Gilson, Jr. of Winter Park; sister, Dorothea Schultz of Orange City, FL; 5 grandchildren, Kari Solomon of Mount Dora, Mark Petrey of High Springs, FL, Chase Lackey of Mount Dora, Cassie King of Winter Park and Jason Gilson of Orlando, FL; and great grandchildren, Brycen Solomon and Riley Solomon. Arrangements were entrusted to Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, Tavares, FL. Condolences may be shared by signing the guestbook below.



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Telethe Wery posted:

Sorry for your family's loss. Jay and my mother were married late in life. My mother, Louise Marie Gilson, passed away when they lived in New Mexico around 2003. I believe Jay had her cremated and told me he was going to have her ashes buried with him in Pensacola. If anyone knows this information or anything to share, I would love to hear. Thanks so much. Telethe Mulkey Wery. I can be reached on facebook under my name or by email. telethe at gmail.com

November 13 at 5:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

Love you and miss you Gramps.##imported-begin##Chase Lackey##imported-end##

December 1 at 3:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Grampa Gilson... I love you and will miss you! I'm sending you a big "kissy poo"!##imported-begin##Riley An Solomon##imported-end##

November 19 at 10:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Grampa your many funny faces that you taught me when I was a little girl. I now share with my children just to hear them giggle. You always bring a Big Smile and have something way to funny to say! I am so THANKFUL that mom was able to bring you home. The time we all spent together will forever be close to my heart. I LOVE you...Here's to one more funny face for you!##imported-begin##Kari An Solomon##imported-end##

November 19 at 10:34 AM



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Anonymous posted:

To all, including Uncle Sonny, I remember a stoic tough bird when visiting Uncle Sonny in the past. His laugh is what I remember the most though--a hearty, fun loving one. He lived a good life, traveling here & there to live. I never knew where I could send mail from year to year! I think his life was fulfilling, and I will always remember him being the vibrant, life loving man I saw years ago. Unfortunately, I couldn't see him in the recent years before he passed, but seeing his smile in my mind, and hearing his laugh will remain with me. Rest in peace in your new life, Uncle Sonny. Love you...xxx##imported-begin##KIM JOHNSON##imported-end##

November 15 at 11:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with our family at this time...the memories that I have of my uncle are all happy ones...RIP Uncle Sonny...##imported-begin##Kenneth Greene##imported-end##

November 14 at 11:30 PM



Anonymous posted:

Linda, Nancy, & Jay T- our thoughts and prayers are with you and I am so sorry for your loss, my family has been through so many tragedies and we know what you are going through. I hate that we lost touch with Uncle Sonny after my dad passed away, he moved away and so did we. We talked about him many times, remembering how crazy and full of life he always was. When you got him and my dad together, there was no stopping them, two very head strong men, and you could sure tell they were brothers. I hope they are up there looking down on us and laughing....RIP Uncle Sonny, we'll be seeing you.##imported-begin##Joetta Gilson White##imported-end##

November 14 at 9:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle Sunny, Even though we didn't get to stay in touch after the deaths of Mabel and Bob, I have thought of you often. I will always remember what you and Aunt Harriet did for our family when things got tough for mom and dad. I know that they loved you and all of the kids did as well. Tell mom, dad, and Kelly hello from me.##imported-begin##Dawn Robin Gilson Watts##imported-end##

November 14 at 9:31 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Uncle Sonny you were an inspiration to me to join the U.S. Navy. I remember when you showed me photos of your adventures and travels and told me sea stories of your time in the Navy when I was 10 or 11 years old. I was hooked and joined the Navy in 1979 and in about one month will retire after 30+ years in the Navy. I was planning on inviting you to my retirement ceremony as only fitting for as many years I served because of you...wish you could be there. We will miss you dearly...all Americans should have a deep appreciation for your length of service, commitment, dedication, integrity and love of country. Rest Peacefully Chief Gilson.##imported-begin##Steve H. Schultz##imported-end##

November 13 at 10:05 PM



Anonymous posted:

Linda, So sorry to read about your loss. George will be devastated when he hears about Mr. Jay. Our sincere condolences to you and all the family. Sincerely, Dolores & George##imported-begin##Dolores & George Smith##imported-end##

November 13 at 9:57 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sad to hear of Uncle Sonny's passing. I will always treasure the time my mom and I got to spend with him and Linda in Gulfport in May. His sense of humor kept us laughing, as did his conversations with my mom about the years they shared growing up. My condolences to everyone who had the pleasure of having him in their lives...he will be missed dearly by all of us who knew and loved him, and he will always hold a special place in my heart. Rest in Peace, Uncle Sonny.##imported-begin##Stephanie Schultz##imported-end##

November 13 at 9:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sonny We always got along good because you said what you thought and did what was right. I liked that because I did the same thing and we respected each other. Rest in Peace##imported-begin##Steve Schultz##imported-end##

November 13 at 9:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Sonny I'm going to miss my 'big' brother. Thanks for all the guidance you gave me as a teenager when I needed it most. Thanks for serving in 2 wars. I know that wasn't easy for you. Thanks for making me laugh when I didn't feel like laughing. But, most of all, thanks for being the big brother to me in so many ways. I wish everyone had one like you. I'll miss the way you walked, and your funny little laugh. But, most of all I'll just miss you! Rest in peace. We'll meet again and walk the streets of gold with Mom and Dad, Perry, Rainy, Adeline and Bob.##imported-begin##Dorothea Schultz##imported-end##

November 13 at 8:40 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the pleasure to sit with Mr. Jay for a month while he was in the nursing home in Gulfport,MS. He was a stubborn man at times but he told me that I was "bossy" and he couldn't imagine having a woman like me! Obviously, I got him to do things that he wouldn't do so my bossiness work! I enjoyed spending time with him and I'm sadden to hear of his passing.##imported-begin##Shekiba Allen##imported-end##

November 13 at 3:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will miss you terribly Dad. You were so determined to walk again. You are the most stubborn and strongest person I have ever known. I know you are at peace knowing you were finally at home with your family. I love you. You will always be in my heart and home.##imported-begin##Linda Lackey##imported-end##

November 13 at 11:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jay by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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