



Jon Charles Gilbert

June 19, 1945 - November 7, 2015

Jon Charles Gilbert, 70, died on November 7 at his Fort Collins home after a lengthy illness.

Jon was born on June 19, 1945, in Atlantic City, New Jersey, to E.F. (Doc) Gilbert and Muriel Hoeven Gilbert. He joined an older brother, Thomas Endor. Jon spent his childhood in Rock Rapids, Iowa and attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, where he met his future wife, Jean L. Leigh. After graduation he worked for the Forest Service in Custer, South Dakota. A son, Scott Leigh, joined the family in 1968.

Jon entered the Army as a 2nd lieutenant in October 1968. After training at Fort Lee, Virginia, he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Quartermaster Corp, in Wuerzburg, Germany. He was discharged in October 1970 and transferred to the Forest Service in Fort Collins. A second son, Michael Robert, was born in 1971. Jon began working for the U.S. Postal Service in December 1971 as a letter carrier until his retirement in January 2002.

Jon's hobbies included stamp and coin collecting, woodworking, writing, reading and following the Broncos. He also enjoyed collecting artifacts from the Roman Empire and the Civil War. He ran a successful Ebay business for a number of years. Jon was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Poudre Golden K and volunteered at the Larimer County Food Bank until his health began to fail.

Jon is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jean, son Scott (Kathy) and grandsons Nathan and Jason of Phoenix, son Michael (Christy) and grandson Reese of Milliken, brother Tom of Sioux City, Iowa and former sisters-in-law Lorna Gilbert of Houston, Texas and Jane Gilbert of Sioux City, Iowa.

A Celebration Of Life will be held next spring. Cremation has taken place and his ashes will be scattered in Iowa. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

The family wishes to thank the friends, neighbors, and medical community who helped us get through this difficult time and Pathways Hospice who enabled Jon to live his final days at home. Those who knew him enjoyed and valued his positive outlook on life, his willingness to help others, and his sense of humor, which he never lost. He will be missed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jon Charles Gilbert*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dear Jean and family
Jon was a true friend. The 22 years I worked with him was a blessing. He will be missed by all who knew him. His life made the world a better place! George Walker*

George Walker - December 30, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Jon's passing. I hadn't kept in touch with Jon since we both retired from the USPS, but I just wanted to share my brief experience with Jon as a great writer. I know he did some ghost writing after he retired, but he was especially good at writing small vignettes for our local letter carrier's union newsletter. He always brought a sense of justice and good humor to his writing. His "science fiction" piece about the future of the postal service was brilliant and summed up what so many postal workers felt about the decline in service and good will at the USPS. Rest in peace Jon. We'll miss you.*

Rick Atkinson

Rick Atkinson - November 18, 2015 at 04:11 PM

BM

“ *Dearest Gilbert Family,*

We cry, often, but only for ourselves. While we wouldn't have wished him another moment of suffering, it is we who now suffer the pain of Jon's absence. Yet, at the same time, we don't doubt he is as close as our very breath.

Here's to Jon C. Gilbert, our beloved friend!

Thinking of You...

*Love,
Brenda, Jim, Molly, and Erin Mross*

Brenda Rader Mross - November 18, 2015 at 12:39 PM

BD

“ *Our sincere sympathy from Edward and Brenda David and the Rosenquist family. We will always remember Jon as a wonderful man with a gentle soul. God bless you Jon, may you rest in peace.*



Brenda (Rosenquist) David - November 16, 2015 at 08:24 PM

WF

“ *To Jean, Scott & Michael - I'm very sorry to see of Jon's passing. Jon was the life-of-the-party at work for the 18 years we worked together at the Post Office. The times Jon, Jim Cowan, and I spent playing a little recreational dixieland were priceless. Seems like a lifetime ago. My deepest sympathies to the family. I wish you peace and comfort through this difficult time.*

Wendell Frey - November 16, 2015 at 07:46 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Jon Charles Gilbert*



Chrissy - November 16, 2015 at 11:01 AM