



# **Gilbert Vanderkraats**

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**G**ilbert Vanderkraats, 84, of Proctorville, OH, passed away on Monday, June 5, 2023 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV. He was born December 7, 1938 in Philadelphia, PA. Gilbert graduated from Marshall University with a Masters Degree in Bio-Chemistry. He later worked in real estate development and telecommunications. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Huntington, WV where he taught Sunday School and was a resident of Huntington for over 50 years. He enjoyed playing golf, traveling, antique collecting, and photography. He was a car enthusiast and loved to relax by gardening roses and listening to Broadway and Celtic music. He was a Mayoral and School Board candidate, as well as an active PTA parent in Huntington WV/Cabell County. Most important to him throughout his life was his devotion to family, as he was raised by his mother since the age of three. Gilbert was a family man. He always made a point to ensure he was involved in his children's lives. He raised his kids with high morals and values and to always do things with integrity. It was important to him to serve God by helping others. Large or small, anytime of day, dad would answer the call of service for neighbors and friends in need. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ada (Verwey) Vanderkraats and his sister, Gloria. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sydney; son, Dirk (Annette) Vanderkraats; daughter, Holly Livezey; granddaughter, Celia and son in law Tom. Hall Funeral Home & Crematory in Proctorville, OH is assisting the family. Private family services will be held. Condolences may be expressed at [www.ehallfuneralhome.com](http://www.ehallfuneralhome.com).



## Tribute Wall

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TH

**Tammy Holt** lit a candle in honor of Gilbert.

Holly, My condolences to you and your family. Wishing you peace and blessings, and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Tammy Holt and family

July 5 at 8:00 PM



AT

**Aurie Tamboer** lit a candle in honor of Gilbert.

I was very saddened to recently learn of Gilbert's passing. Gilbert and I attended Pine St Christian grammar school and Eastern Christian high school together in NJ. I last spoke with him while preparing the reunion booklet for our 50th class reunion in 2007. Gilbert and I shared many experiences during those years. For a time we went to the Passaic YMCA together, my mother bringing us there, Gilbert's mother bringing us home. We commuted to high school together by bus and later when Gilbert got his license he would transport me to and from school. I would relate the one most significant experience of our relationship. In December 1956 Gilbert and his then girlfriend arranged a first date for me with my future wife. The date came off as planned; the relationship blossomed and resulted in 52 years of blessed marriage. I have always been most thankful for Gilbert's role in carrying our God's plan for my life. Gilbert was dear friend to me who I am sure will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Aurie Tamboer

January 3 at 8:00 PM



HP

**Herb Perry** lit a candle in honor of Gilbert.

June 12 at 8:00 PM



AV

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Gilbert Vanderkraats** lit a candle in honor of Gilbert.

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall

June 11 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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