



Gilbert "Gilly" Paar

March 16, 1942 - February 17, 2016

Gilbert Lawrence Paar

RACINE - Gilbert "Gilly" L. Paar, 73, the proud "Irish Catholic Democrat", passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at his residence. He was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on March 16, 1942, the son of Louis and Jane (nee: Cullen) Paar. Gilly received his Associate Degree from Gateway Technical College. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1962 until his honorable discharge as Airman Second Class in 1966. Gilly was united in marriage to Patricia Verhaeghe on September 2, 1967.

He owned and operated the Sand Bar, Gilly's on the Square and Gilly's on Main serving spirits to thousands of Racine patrons. But what kept them coming back was his bigger than life personality and hilarious wit and charm. His stories (mostly true!) captivated his audience and left them coming back for more.

Gilly was an avid golfer, and found great pride as an instructor and coach for St. Catherine's High School golf team. He was a proud lifelong member of Lakeview Hawks. Gilly enjoyed breakfast at Roosters, kibitzing with the wait staff. He also looked forward to his Tuesday card games at Scores and First Fridays with his many great friends.

Surviving his wife of 48 years, Pat; children, Tony (Audrey) Paar of Saudi Arabia and Kendra (Kurt) Korth of Racine; very special granddaughters Kate and Lauren; brothers, Donald (Marcia) Paar of Racine, Thomas (Sharon) Paar of MN and Michael (Donna) Paar of Racine. He is further survived by his

father-in-law, Robert Verhaeghe, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. Gilly was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Sammy Paar and mother-in-law, Jeanette Verhaeghe. Gilly often said that his children were his heroes, but the reality is you are our hero Dad! God Bless Ya! Memorial services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Sunday February 21, 2016 at 2 pm. Visitation will be held from 12 noon until service time. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Gilly in a special way may direct memorials to Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, 5000 W. National Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53295.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert "Gilly" Paar*



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TA

A beautiful life tribute. Gilly was a family treasure that was loved by all and will be dearly missed. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Cousin Tina

Tina Abromaitis - February 18, 2016 at 08:59 PM

PA

Great tribute to a good man. The "Paar boys" will not be the same without him.

Patty - February 19, 2016 at 10:41 AM

JW

He added life, laughter and fun to a busy Democratic campaign office. He was a treasure and we all appreciated him. Whatta guy!

Jane Baggott Witt - February 19, 2016 at 10:55 AM

SL

Sending prayers to the family during this difficult time. Gil and Pat were wonderful neighbors to us. May the family find comfort in their sweet lifetime of memories. Gil will live on safe and always loved in your memories and in your hearts. Thinking of you, Susan and Lou Lesperance

Susan Lesperance - February 19, 2016 at 12:50 PM

KM

*So many fantastic memories of a great & special friend.
Ken Mascari*

Ken Mascari - February 19, 2016 at 05:04 PM

KB

*Your cousins are usually the first friends you have as a child. No one will ever understand your crazy family like your cousins. The Paar Boys, the Cullen Boys, Jimmy Kovac and the Merrill girls fall into this category. They taught us how to sled, took us to the movies and even made us go to dances with them or their friends that didn't have dates. My heart is sad for the entire family to have lost this great person!
Kathy B.*

kathy burgess - February 19, 2016 at 05:42 PM

JO

Rest in Peace. John Merrill

John - February 20, 2016 at 05:52 AM

PH

Have known the Paar boys since grade school and Pat since high school. A beautiful couple. Pat, having been in your shoes I'd like to say..you'll never get over losing the love of your life but you will, in time, get used to it. My thoughts to you, your children and the entire Paar family. Live through your beautiful memories. Pam Hanson-Nees

Pam Hanson-Nees - February 20, 2016 at 11:12 AM

PS

Dear Mickey and Donny and entire Paar Family so very sorry for your loss. Gilly will always be remembered and appreciated. He was so generous and such a pioneer and sponsor for women's sports leagues while at the Sand bar. He made a difference in peoples lives for many years. I was also proud of his willingness to speak his very accurate political views:). I hope you can hear me Gilly, thank you for your generosity and your willingness to speak out for all of us.

Rest in peace!

Pam Scheffler

Pam Scheffler - February 24, 2016 at 01:53 PM

JS

“ *Did Gil used to work at Belle Dodge in Racine?*

JJ Steinhoff - February 22, 2016 at 10:02 AM

DA

“ *That's it folks its time to go I don't care where you go but you cant stay here .Dale Priaulx*

dale - February 20, 2016 at 04:45 PM

PF

“ *Our deepest condolences and sympathy. We pray that God keeps happy memories in your heart always.*

Lee & Pat (Carls) Fuhrman - SCHS Class of '64

Pat Carls Fuhrman - February 20, 2016 at 08:22 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gilbert "Gilly" Paar.*



February 19, 2016 at 12:06 AM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



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