



## Frank Edward Gilger

March 8, 1934 - May 2, 2023

On May 2, 2023, Frank Edward Gilger of Gulf Shores, Alabama, formally of Great Mills, Maryland, passed away at age 89. He went peacefully in his sleep to be reunited with his wife Tina, son Keith Gilger, daughter Kathy Shumaker, and granddaughter Corey Gilger. He served 33 years in the DC Air National Guard as an aircraft mechanic. He was a Vietnam Vet and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant. After his service in the military, he went on to be a cabinet maker, assisted Charlotte Hall Veterans Home as a driver, and volunteered his time at the American Legion and the VFW as a cook for fundraisers. At the age of 79, he started working as a deck hand on a fishing and crabbing boat. His journey was still not over, and at 87, he moved to Gulf Shores, Alabama to live by the beach. Frank was a free spirit with a bigger than life personality. He never met a stranger and always had a story to share about his love of fishing or football.

He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Kim Guntow, daughter-in-law, Karen Gilger, nine grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and numerous extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held at Raymond's Funeral Home in La Plata, Maryland on May 30, 2023. Viewing will be held from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, with memories being shared from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. The burial will be held at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery at 1:45 pm. Donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans in Frank's name.

We invite you to join us at the Repass, immediately following the burial

service, at The Moose Lodge in White Plains, MD, located on Crain Highway from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Service

**MAY 30.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Edward Gilger*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Frank Edward Gilger*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beverly Odom Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Edward Gilger.*

**Beverly Odom Davis** - May 30, 2023 at 08:23 AM



“ *Peggy & Stuart Hopkins, and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Edward Gilger.*

**Peggy & Stuart Hopkins, and Family** - May 29, 2023 at 11:50 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Frank Edward Gilger.*



May 28, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Frank Edward Gilger.



May 24, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Edward Gilger.

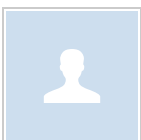


May 24, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ My dad built a home in 1965 and when came time to move from one house to the the other my brother Kevin and I stayed with Aunt Tina, Uncle Jinks and cousins Kim, Keith and Kathy for about a week. Still have many memories but the one that stood out was our fishing and crabbing trip to Solomen’s Island. Besides a 3 ft. eel we caught 70 + spot and I mean 8-12” long. On top of that we string caught an overflowing bushel of keeper crabs! What a great and wonderful memory! Steve Duncan

Steve Duncan- nephew - May 22, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Edward Gilger.



May 20, 2023 at 03:52 PM

MS

“ I joined the 113th after active duty with the USMC, in 82. I was an F-4 man, and the 113th was transitioning from the F-105s to the F-4, and Alpena, MI. was on the schedule. Frank was like a John Wayne type of guy, and he called me aside on my first day. I was wearing spit-shined shoes and he told me to lose them. He was the guy I looked up to all the way up to just a few years ago. Ran into him everywhere in So. MD. I will surely miss him a lot. Mike Schofield

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**Michael Schofield** - May 15, 2023 at 06:40 AM

FP

“ I first met Frank when I joined the Guard in Oct 1960. Frank was one of the, "Good Guys". He was some one that I looked up to and admired.., I enjoyed working with Him. We will all miss him.  
Florencio Pernia

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**Florencio Pernia** - May 13, 2023 at 12:20 PM

BH

“ Always larger than life and part of my life since I was 3 years old. You had the best laugh and also had that "look".... the one where you kind of tilted your head down, squinted and looked right thru me. That's always when I thought "oops"!!! Lol.  
We,(my siblings) always felt loved and safe with you. You will be missed but I know you are enjoying your reunion with Aunt Tina, Keith and his daughter and Kathy. We love you Uncle Jinks!

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**Bonnie Hammett** - May 12, 2023 at 06:52 PM

PH

“ A good man, a great heart, and a friendly smile. Frank came into my life just after my own father passed and seemed to bring that fatherly comfort to help ease my loss. He will be missed by many, especially his family, but the memories he created will be forever treasured in our hearts. May you rest in peace my friend! Peg



Peggy Hopkins - May 12, 2023 at 02:46 PM

FF

I met Frank in grade school years when we lived close to each other and palled around in Anacostia. I lived 1408 T St and Frank lived acouple blocks away. We used to go to #11 Boys Club and swim at Fairlawn Swimming Pool. Then we served in the National Guard together. He was a great guy. Will always remember him and fun times we had. Francis Flaherty

Francis Flaherty - May 13, 2023 at 09:20 PM

WS

I was 113th Photographer. Send me your address and I will send you photos of my pal Frank. Wayne Sherwin waynesherwin@yahoo.com

Wayne Sherwin - June 04, 2023 at 02:47 PM