



Gilbert Paul LaPoint

December 24, 1933 - February 9, 2017

Gilbert ("Gil") LaPoint, age 83, of Berkley, passed away February 9, 2017. He was born December 24, 1933 in Pierrepont, New York to the late Gilbert H. and Dorothy E. LaPoint. Around the age of seven Gil and his family moved to Berkley, Michigan. He completed his schooling at Our Lady of LaSalette of Berkley and St. Mary's of Royal Oak. After graduation Gil took a clerk job at General Electric. Over time, Gil took on more responsibilities at General Electric, obtained training to work as an electrician, and retired after 35 dedicated years of service. Gil was especially proud of serving as the local President, District Vice President for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

Gil met the love of his life, Evelyn, while at a wedding for a mutual friend. They married shortly after, started a family, and continued making memories together for over 55 years. While raising the kids, Gil loved to coach both baseball and football. Later in life, he was a fanatical grandkid soccer game goer. In his leisure time, Gil enjoyed getting away in northern Michigan or upper state New York to hunt and fish.

Beloved husband of Evelyn; loving father of Renee (Dale) Cramer, Marc (Connie) LaPoint, Sue (Richard) Wilson and Steve (Marianne) LaPoint; proud grandfather of Ryan, Justin, Jeremy and Ashley Chaskin; Alyssa and Daniella Cramer; Bridget, Allison and Jacquelyn LaPoint; great grandfather of

Makenzie Knierim; and dear brother of Jack LaPointe and the late Charles LaPoint, Geraldine Koppen, Leon, Dan and Keith LaPoint. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak. In state Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10 a.m. at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak.

Memorials to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Inc. 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-9674 are appreciated.

Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Scripture Service

FEB 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073

In State at Church

FEB **14**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ The person that I referred to as "Big Guy" was also the father of my wife. I met him when I was 17 and his daughter, my wife-to-be, was 16. He instantaneously treated me as a son and an equal. Even though I had a biological father who loved me and raised me right, the Big Guy, aka "Gil", raised me like one of his own and loved me as well. He was very kind, very warm, very generous...just to name a few of his qualities. He was often generous beyond his means, but that's just how he was. Naturally gregarious, always joking, always helping. His departure has left a giant void in my heart, but I know he'd be disappointed if I spent too much time moping. So I'm going to do my best to push on and not waste this precious life. I know I have a lot of friends from the car scene who never had the pleasure of meeting Big Guy/Gil/dad...but just to give you all a hint of his coolness, Gil was an OG Woodward cruiser/racer. He owned a home built 1955 T-Bird that he dropped a 354 Chrysler Hemi into (kept the original 3spd manual trans) and terrorized the boulevard from the mid 50's through the early 60's. Rock on, dad. I'll catch up to you one of these days and we'll have a cold one together while we catch up.

Dale Cramer - February 16, 2017 at 08:06 PM

MT

“ My condolences to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25

Ms. Tuffy - February 16, 2017 at 07:01 AM

TC

“ Gil was a true humanitarian who cared deeply about others. Tracy Cramer

Tracy Cramer - February 14, 2017 at 01:44 PM

PB

“ Pam Bale lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Paul LaPoint



Pam Bale - February 13, 2017 at 01:13 PM

PB

RIP Uncle Gil.....sending love and prayers for the family! With Love Pam

Pam Bale - February 13, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gilbert Paul LaPoint.



February 13, 2017 at 11:20 AM

AC

“ Advance Capital purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gilbert Paul LaPoint.



Advance Capital - February 13, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gilbert Paul LaPoint.*



February 13, 2017 at 08:35 AM



“ *Sue LaPoint Wilson lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Paul LaPoint*



Sue LaPoint Wilson - February 13, 2017 at 12:38 AM

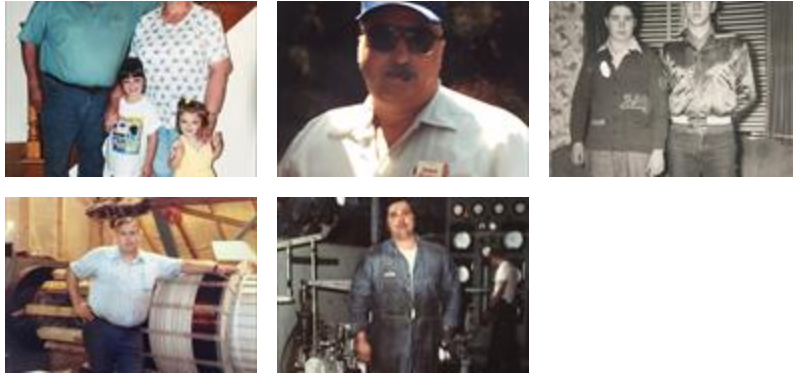


“ *I would like to share condolences with Gilbert's family. I have fond memories of Gil and his brother Chuck coming to Northern New York to hunt the deep woods of the Adirondacks with my father and uncles when I was a young teen. I well remember what a pleasant personality he had and how he so looked forward to his visit and the Adirondack Woods, even though the chance of success was poor. I know my dad spent many fine moments with him as young man growing up and often talked about Gill with affection. Scott Bonno.*

Scott Bonno - February 12, 2017 at 09:13 AM

DC

“ 27 files added to the tribute wall



Dale Cramer - February 11, 2017 at 09:00 PM

DC

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Dale Cramer - February 11, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ Deep condolences to all of the family members and friends of Mr. LaPoint.

Debra and James Harman

Deb Harman - February 11, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ *Deb Harman lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Paul LaPoint*



Deb Harman - February 11, 2017 at 07:28 PM

PE

“ *Prayers, thoughts & strength to my Aunt Evelyn, & cousins! May my Uncle Gil (godfather) rest peacefully! With much love, Peggy*

Peggy - February 11, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gilbert Paul LaPoint.*



February 11, 2017 at 11:45 AM

DL

“ *Gil was my sailing buddy many years ago and we had a lot of great adventures sailing the waters of Lake Erie and Lake Michigan. All of our voyages will live on in my heart. Our thoughts and prayers to his family. Dave and Chris Laura*

Dave Laura - February 11, 2017 at 10:26 AM

DC

Thanks for the super kind words, Dave. I just uploaded some pictures of the Big Guy to his photo album on this page and a couple of them have YOU in them! Check em out.

Dale Cramer - February 11, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ *RIP Uncle Gil. Prayers to the Family. God bless you all. My thoughts are with you.* ”

Patrice LaPoint - February 10, 2017 at 10:30 PM