



## William K. Gillin

June 27, 1937 - April 3, 2019

William K. Gillin. Age 81. April 3, 2019.

Bill was born on June 27, 1937 in Johnstown, PA to William and Ethel Gillin. Loving father of Lori (Ralph) Walker, Cindy (Ken) Swiantek, Karen (Richard) Pickering and Bill Gillin. Proud grandfather of Brett Dauphinais, Erik Dauphinais, Kitty (Mike) Curtis, Kimberr (John) Newby, Krystal (Steven) Aviles, William Gillin, ten great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Dear brother of Carolyn (Harry) Miller, the late Lou Rae Banas, Reva (Pat, still living) Clancy and Cheryl Lizewski. Brother-in-law of Margaret (the late Norman) Adams and proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Also survived by his former spouse, Beverly Gillin.

Mr. Gillin resided in Westland and previously in Allen Park. He was a graduate of St. Hedwig High School. His career path found him driving a semi-truck with UPS, where he retired, but also previously owned Highland Park Taxis with his father.

Never one to be idle, Bill will most be remembered as a "pool shark," and in 1998 became Snooker State Champ in Arizona. He was often found at his favorite haunts including: The Rack, Ball-N-Cue, Blue Diamond, Senate Coney Island, as well as the MGM Casino. He loved the DRC Race Track, was a member of the Lincoln Park Moose Lodge, Democratic Club Member and a Teamster.

An avid sports fan, Bill would often watch his grandkids, as well as nieces and nephews playing in their various athletic competitions. He loved spending time with his family, especially the monthly family poker parties. At age 70, Bill began riding motorcycles and bought a white Harley Softail. In keeping with his active lifestyle, he was invited to the Pool Olympic Trials in Chicago and enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. Anyone who knew Bill will remember him as always smiling!

Visitation Monday 2-8 pm with a 7 pm scripture service at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Tuesday, in-state 9:30 am until time of Mass 10 am, at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica,

Royal Oak.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 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

APR 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

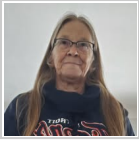
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## Funeral Mass

APR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gone but never forgotten....forever loved. I'm sorry I did not get told, and that is ok. I'll see you again some day and until than I'll see you in my dreams. Forever love, Debbie*

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**Debra Temple Balmes** - January 19, 2020 at 02:27 AM

PS

“ *Our condolences to the family. Bill was a good and colorful friend. Our time spent with him over the years was filled with stories and laughter. He made our lives more interesting and we will miss him. Paul and Nancy Schemers*

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**Paul & Nancy Schemers** - April 09, 2019 at 10:05 AM

LB

“ *Love, Nikki Sizemore (Hall's Billiards) purchased the Pretty Ple ase for the family of William K. Gillin.*



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**Love, Nikki Sizemore (Hall's Billiards)** - April 08, 2019 at 01:07 PM

LV

“ *Love, Gail and Victor purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William K. Gillin.*



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**Love, Gail and Victor** - April 08, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William K. Gillin.*



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April 06, 2019 at 06:03 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cindy Swiantek - April 06, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of William K. Gillin.



April 06, 2019 at 09:48 AM

KP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Pickering - April 05, 2019 at 10:48 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Pickering - April 05, 2019 at 10:46 PM

KP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Pickering - April 05, 2019 at 10:45 PM

SM

“ I always enjoyed talking to Bill when I saw him at Senate Coney Island. He will be missed.

Stan Mardeusz - April 05, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of William K. Gillin.



April 05, 2019 at 11:04 AM

CS

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Cindy Swiantek - April 05, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William K. Gillin.



April 05, 2019 at 06:50 AM

PF

“ Patty and Dennis Bailey & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William K. Gillin.



Patty and Dennis Bailey & Family - April 04, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William K. Gillin.*



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April 04, 2019 at 07:34 PM



“ *Rest in peace my friend, we were friend since 1966*

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**Mike Crittenden** - April 04, 2019 at 07:08 PM