



## Donzie Ray Gilfilen

April 11, 1935 - June 13, 2023

Donzie Ray Gilfilen 88 of Hurricane, WV passed away on June 13, 2023 at CAMC General Division Charleston, WV.

He was born on April 11, 1935 to the late Charles C. and Erma V. Holley Gilfilen in Hurricane, WV.

In addition to his parents, Donzie was preceded in death by his son: Donnie R. Gilfilen; wife: Joyce J. Gilfilen; daughter in law: Kelli Gilfilen; sisters: Naoma Sowards, Opal Jones and Lenora Bumgarner; and his brothers: Arnold, Stanley, Carl, Jessie, Clyde and Harvey Gilfilen.

Donzie was known for his love of hunting, fishing, his Antique Red 1957 Chevy Truck and best known for his love of music. He spent many years playing Gospel and Bluegrass Music with various people and places in the community. He retired as a Supervisor from Union Carbide, was a lifelong Christian and member of Adda Baptist Church in Hurricane, WV.

Donzie is survived by his daughter: Diana and Roger Fugate of Fayetteville, WV; son: Tim and Becky Gilfilen of Hurricane, WV; daughter in-law: Susan Bennett Gilfilen; grandchildren: Daren Gilfilen, Elizabeth Gilfilen Harper (Billy), Jessica Shieler, Brad Fugate, Lindsay Gilfilen Thorner (Ben), Taylor Mullin (Matt) and Ian Gilfilen; great grandchildren: Molly Thorner, Chloe Thorner,

Lillie Shieler, Anthony Atkins (Hadassah), Austin Atkins, Andrew Atkins and Kaden Harper.

Funeral Service for Donzie will be 1:00pm Friday June 16, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Pastors Danny Gilfilen and Jerry Brown officiating.

Burial will follow in Valley View Memorial Park Hurricane, WV.

Friends may visit an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Donzie's tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to assist the Gilfilen family again.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donzie Ray Gilfilen



Chapman Funeral Homes - June 19, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ Donzie and his singing group would come to the nursing home I worked at in Milton I love to sing also I had the pleasure of singing with them many times I know you will be missed by many you were well known in Hurricane I know you're at rest and peace

Connie Williams - November 14, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Donzie Ray Gilfilen

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ I am saddened by the loss of such a good man. Don was such an influential part of my childhood, as were his wife Jeanie and his children Donnie, Gayle, and Tim. His quiet devotion to God and family was always an inspiration to me. You have run your race and earned your rest. May God bless your family and your memory. Rev. Charles W. Butts Sr.

charles butts - June 19, 2023 at 10:54 AM

ST

“ *shawn thomasson lit a candle in memory of Donzie Gilfilen*



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**shawn thomasson** - June 16, 2023 at 07:27 AM

GG

“ *I loved hearing him, Tim, and Steve play their guitars and banjo while we all sang hymns around the campfire at Sherwood Lake. I will cherish those times we fellowshiped together. We will meet again and have a beautiful time singing up there in Heaven's choir!*

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**Grace Gibson** - June 16, 2023 at 01:12 AM

RM

“ *I wish the family comfort and peace through this difficult time.*

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**Robin McClure** - June 15, 2023 at 08:51 PM

KE

“ *For Tim and family:  
I always had a blast listening to him play music. I'm so glad it rubbed off on Tim. I enjoyed not only listening to you play, but the friendship hanging out and Phillip's H. patience teaching me a G cord.*

*Your Dad truly inspired many folks. He was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers!*

*Kenton*

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**Kent** - June 15, 2023 at 08:34 PM

AH

“ Donzie was a special person,a good friend and a dedicated Christian. May God wrap his arms around his family and friends and comfort them. He will be missed by many including yours truly. Tarry by the gate and I will see you soon. Prayers for the family.

Al Holley - June 15, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donzie Ray Gilfilen.



June 15, 2023 at 01:48 PM

JT

“ Prayers to the family so sorry for your loss he will be missed he was a very good neighbor and friend.Shawn thought alot of him.i loved listing to him sing R.I.P my friend fly high



joy russell thomasson - June 15, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donzie Ray Gilfilen.

June 15, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donzie Ray Gilfilen.*



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June 15, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Shirley Wade lit a candle in memory of Donzie Gilfilen*



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**Shirley Wade** - June 14, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Donzie will surely be missed, I'm sure my Dad an Mom will welcome him into Heaven with open arms. They sang together for years, I'm sure they will be singing together again. My Dad always said he was his brother from another mother. He would come to their house to practice an ended up sitting on the front porch talking for hours, Mom always had an Apple Pie an coffee ready for him. 💔. Shirley Ferrell Wade*

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**Shirley Wade** - June 14, 2023 at 10:40 PM