



## Ross E. Gilson

June 14, 1925 - June 17, 2016

Ross E. Gilson, 91, of Red House, died peacefully at Hubbard Hospoice House West on Friday, June 17, 2016.

Ross was born in Wheeling, WV on June 14, 1925. He proudly fought for his country during World War II, serving on the SS Lee S. Overman in the European Theater. After his service, Ross returned to West Virginia, where he married his bride of 62 years, Bettie. Ross was a retiree of Union Carbide. He faithfully served his Lord for many years at Riverside Baptist Church and later at Poca Baptist Church.

Ross was an avid sports fan who never missed his grandsons' many baseball and basketball games. His favorite sports teams were the ones his grandsons loved, particularly the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Duke University Blue Devils.

In addition to his wife, Bettie, Ross is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Rick Higginbotham of Hurricane; grandson, Aaron Higginbotham and fiancée, Sarah Dieffenbach of Pittsburgh; and grandson and wife, Daniel and Britney Higginbotham of Hurricane. Ross's greatest joys were his great-grandchildren, Kyleigh and Ryder Higginbotham, who knew him only as "Rosey". Also special to Ross were his longtime friends, Dave and Karen Dunn. Ross was preceded in death by his grandson, Matthew Higginbotham.

A celebration of Ross's life will be held at 1pm Monday, June 20, 2016 at Poca Baptist Church with Pastor Tom Moore officiating. Burial will follow in Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House. Visitation will begin at 11am Monday at the church. Please visit Ross's tribute page at [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share memories with the family.

In lieu of flowers, it would make Ross happy if you did a good deed for someone.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Gilson family.

# Cemetery Details

## Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens

Rt 62  
Red House, WV 25168

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Poca Baptist Church  
130 Main Street  
Poca, WV 25159

## Celebration of Life

JUN 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Poca Baptist Church  
130 Main Street  
Poca, WV 25159

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ross E. Gilson*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Dear Betty and Family, So sorry for the loss of your loved one. Ross was a wonderful gentleman and person. We shared good times together when we lived in Putnam County and attended church together. You have been in my thoughts often. May you feel the comfort of the Lord so near at this time and may your beautiful memories sustain you in the days ahead. Lois Holstein*

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**Lois Holstein** - June 19, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *Bettie, I'm so sorry to just learn of the home-going of Ross. I had not heard he was ill so this was a surprise, but it is a blessing to have no doubt that he is in Heaven today. After the shock of the news I started thinking about all of the wonderful times we had together through the years. These memories we will cherish forever. You and Sherry are in our prayers and we pray God will give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. I don't know how people handle these situations without God in their life. Again, you will be in our daily prayers. Love you as always. John Paul and Sue Boggess*

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**J Sue Boggess** - June 19, 2016 at 03:32 PM