



Mr. Ralph Kennedy Gilbert

October 20, 2012

September 1924 - October 2012 It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Ralph Gilbert. He passed away peacefully on October 20, 2012 at Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga in his 88th year. Ralph was a loving, devoted husband of 65 years to Elizabeth Gilbert (Betty Preston). He was a very proud father to: Debbie (Kent), Glen (Elizabeth), Brent (Vicki) and loving grandfather to Matthew, Laura (Mario) Cole, Clare, Tyler and Bailey. He was a great-grandfather to Tyenna and Lauralie (Laura). Ralph is remembered fondly by his brother Art of Victoria, BC who loved to challenge him to a round of golf whenever they got together. At the tender age of 19, Ralph served as an RCAF Sergeant in World War II as a mid upper gunner in Squadron 420, Snowy Owl. This experience no doubt molded a young farm boy from Alliston into the man he would become. He went on to become a successful Canadian Tire dealer of 14 years. He started with two stores in Sydney, NS and in four years was moved to run a much larger store in Mississauga, ON. Upon retirement, Ralph and Betty enjoyed many years of travel around the world; first by Airstream trailer, then a Florida retirement home and later, many timeshare adventures. Ralph's spirit will live on in those people he has touched. He was a fine gentleman and will be missed by all. Memorial service will be held at Clarkson Rd. Presbyterian Church, 1338 Clarkson Rd. N., October 30th at 11:00 a.m. Website for directions: http://clarksonpc.org/contact_us/map.html In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Parkinson Society Central and Northern Ontario. <http://www.cno.parkinson.ca>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clarkson Road United Church
1388 Clarkson Road
Mississauga, ON (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ *Hi Debbie. I was saddened to hear of your loss. I remember your father as a great guy with a great smile. Please give my best to your mother and brothers.*

Stew Beatty

Stew Beatty - October 28, 2012 at 10:49 PM

DM

Great to hear from you Stew! Thanks so much for your condolences.

Debbie Murphy - December 05, 2012 at 05:10 PM

AB

“ *Aunt Betty and family.
We're very sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you right now. We will always remember Uncle Ralph's laughter and his genuine, fun-loving nature.*

Andrew and Jennifer Barrie and family

Andrew Barrie - October 25, 2012 at 07:10 PM

EG

I really do appreciate your condolences

Elizabeth Gilbert - December 02, 2012 at 02:19 PM

KH

“ *We offer our offer our deep condolences to the whole Gilbert family upon the loss of Ralph.*

Keith and Rosie Hare

Keith Hare - October 24, 2012 at 07:33 PM

RN

“ Hello Betty:
Ruth Anne and I send our heart felt condolences for your loss.
Ralph was one of those dealers we all looked up to and respected.
We remember great times and lots of laughs with you both at
conventions. May warm memories of your life together carry you
through this time of sorrow.

Our thoughts are with you.

David and Ruth Anne Nicholson
Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

Robert David Nicholson - October 24, 2012 at 04:15 PM

KM

“ Hi Betty
Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Ralph We
spent many happy times at conventions and in later years at the
annual Harbor Capital meetings with Bob Armstrong.
You have both enjoyed a fantastic life together and may you have
many more happy years

Much love

Ken and Diane Mann

ken and diane mann - October 24, 2012 at 08:44 AM

BD

Hello Betty
please accept my sincere sympathy for you loss .
Ralph was always such a happy go lucky guy.
I have fond memories of our early years on
Balaclava Dr. The great times we had.
Ralph will be missed by all who knew him

Love Betty Durdy

Betty Yvonne Durdy - November 02, 2012 at 01:43 PM