



## Gilbert Randolph Hearn

January 23, 1957 - April 28, 2021

Gilbert Randolph Hearn, 64, holding the hands of his wife and children, was peacefully called home Wednesday, April 28, 2021, following a courageous eight-month battle with cancer. He was born January 23, 1957 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. The son of Wilbur Randolph and Rachel Anne (Morrow) Hearn, Gilbert grew up in Richardson, Texas, attending all 12 grades there. He graduated from Berkner High School in 1975. Gilbert attended Abilene Christian University, graduating in 1979 with a degree in marketing. Two months later, he began his career in customer service for the former Texas Power & Light (TP&L) in Lancaster, Texas. In 1991, Gilbert moved to human resources at the Dallas corporate office of Texas Utilities (former TP&L) where he would find a career that matched his desire to help people through the seasons and circumstances of life.

In 1984 Gilbert was introduced by a dear mutual friend to Susan Elise Gregory. Three years later, they married at Broadway Church of Christ in Tyler on May 16, 1987. They later would have two children, Clinton Randolph and Emily Elise.

Gilbert and Susan moved their family to East Texas in 2000, but Gilbert would continue to commute to Dallas for five more years, eventually completing 26 years with TXU (Texas Utilities). Leaving TXU so that his job would be closer to home, he would spend seven years in human resources with Russell &

Sons Construction. At the time of his death, Gilbert was a benefits manager with Mewbourne Oil Company in Tyler, his employer for the past eight years. He was always grateful to each company for the professional opportunities given, but more importantly for the friends he made along the way.

Gilbert was a member of the Church of Christ, having become a Christian at the age of 10. For the past 21 years, his church home has been Broadway Church of Christ in Tyler.

Throughout his adult life Gilbert was a bible class teacher of ages ranging from preschool through college. He was also a volunteer with PTA, Boy Scouts, 4-H, FFA, and East Texas Christian Academy. Gilbert was a charter member of the Lancaster, Texas Rotary Club in 1984.

Gilbert was a selfless, caring, steadfast Christian husband and father. He had a great capacity for loving people, and he did so with great empathy and compassion. His humor, quick wit, and laughter brought joy and light to all of those who knew him. He was happiest when spending time with family and friends. If he called you friend, you knew he loved you as family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Charlotte Hearn Dodrill. Gilbert is survived by his wife Susan of Flint; son Clint and his wife Katy of Haslet; Emily Dotson and her husband Cole, of College Station; mother-in-law Jackie Gregory of Tyler; brother-in-law Mark Gregory and wife Angel of Mesquite; niece Lauren Long and her husband Riley, of Dallas; nephew Landon Gregory and his wife Kelsey of Dallas; great-nephew, Ranger Long; and a family of friends.

Pallbearers will be Randy Clinton, Jack Conner, Dave Harness, Les Lierman, Bud Marsh, Mark Miller, and Tim Yarbrough.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at Broadway Church of Christ in Tyler with Phil Hancock and Robert Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Road in Tyler.

The family would like to thank Dr. Murphy and the team of physicians and staff at MD Anderson in Houston, Dr. Marc Usrey of Hope Cancer Center in Tyler, along with Hospice of East Texas for their excellent and kind care. If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75701 or ChristianWorks For Children, 5440 Harvest Hill Rd, #140, Dallas, TX 75230.

# Cemetery Details

## Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert Randolph Hearn



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - May 03, 2021 at 06:11 PM

SS

*What a beautiful tribute to my childhood friend. I am so sorry we lost touch as adults. Prayers of comfort to Gilbert's family.*

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**Sherry Schumacher** - May 04, 2021 at 11:32 PM

LW

*What a beautiful memorial to my Ole basketball buddy love your Jr high buddy Linda Bunch*

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**Linda Bunch Welch** - October 06, 2022 at 10:44 PM

AL

“ *I had 2 in-person business discussions with Gilbert. They were brief, but Gilbert's personality left an impression on me and he was a true pleasure to visit with.*

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**Alec** - March 11, 2022 at 11:10 AM

KS

“ Gilbert and I went to school together. I remember his sense of humor, and making people laugh, sometime during class. At one of our class reunions I was impressed by his sincere kindness that he shared with all of us.

*My sincere condolences to his wife and children, and family and friends on the loss of such a wonderful man.*

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**Karon Odom Shipman** - August 09, 2021 at 03:33 PM

MR

“ I didn't know Gilbert long but he was very unforgettable. Fun, upbeat, just a really nice guy who enjoyed life. I haven't seen him since the 80's and have never met his wife or kids but I am betting they had some great and fun times with their dad. I don't usually write on forums like this but I feel like Gilbert might remember me too and smile that I remember him. A very cool guy. I remember him well. The back 40 of one end of heaven is occupied by some great old Garland Road folks, including my mom who died just a few short days after Gilbert and we actually celebrated her life on the very same day Gilbert was celebrated and ushered on to his home in the sky. I hope he runs into my mom and dad. They'd like him a lot!

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**Mark Allen Rayshell** - May 16, 2021 at 07:49 PM

IF

“ This is Ila. I was the secretary at Melbourne oil in Woodward for 18 years. I am so sorry to hear of Gilbert's illness and his passing. He was always so nice and very helpful anytime I had a problem or question. He was so supportive when our granddaughter was killed there in Tyler. He was just a very nice man.

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**ila Fothergill** - May 05, 2021 at 02:48 PM

CB

“ My condolences to Gilbert’s family. Gilbert and I went to school together. He was one of my best friends growing up! Saw him at one of our school reunions and enjoyed catching up. He was a true Christian friend and will be missed greatly. I wish I had been able to stay in touch with him and meet his family. Prayers to all his family.  
Cheryl Johnston Bray

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**Cheryl Bray** - May 05, 2021 at 09:44 AM

BS

“ Dear Susan and Family: My heart goes out to you and your family in the loss of Gilbert. I so enjoyed getting to visit with you both at the PC reunion in 2018. Gilbert was such a great guy to be around and my heartaches for your loss. "Those in Christ will never die - they will close their eyes in this world and open their eyes in Heaven." Prayers will be with you as you journey through your grief and loss.

*Ben Sims*

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**Ben Sims** - May 05, 2021 at 01:29 AM

BD

“ I was so very saddened to just hear of Gilbert's passing. We grew up as neighbors in Richardson Texas. I saw him at our Berkner High School 20th reunion but lost touch after that. Another high school friend knew of his passing and shared the information. God Bless his wife, children and their families. He will be fondly remembered.

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**Betsy Brient Davis** - May 05, 2021 at 12:33 AM

BD

*It was our 10th high school reunion when I last saw Gilbert, not the 20th. Wish we had not lost touch.*

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**Betsy Brient Davis** - May 05, 2021 at 07:44 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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May 04, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *I worked with Gilbert at TU Electric. Such a great person. Thought so highly of him.*



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**Dk Grinstead** - May 04, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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May 03, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ 154 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - May 03, 2021 at 06:05 PM

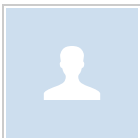


“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.



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May 03, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.



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May 03, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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May 02, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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May 02, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ *Kent and Robin Howze purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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**Kent and Robin Howze** - May 02, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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May 02, 2021 at 05:56 PM

TS

“ Susan you and your family will be in our prayers. Steve and Trisha (Hamilton) Sims

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Trisha Sims - May 02, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.



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May 01, 2021 at 07:26 PM

DP

“ What a great man! He was so concerned and thoughtful of those around him. I always appreciated his support and knew we were going to have a lot of laughter at dinner after Emily's games when he ate with us. He was so funny! You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so thankful to have known Gilbert.

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diann preston - May 01, 2021 at 06:14 PM

JS

“ Dearest Susan and family, I am so saddened to hear of Gilbert’s passing. I loved that man with all my heart! He was excited to be my first patient in our new office. He was so much fun! He will truly be missed by all...especially me. My God keep you close and give you comfort in the coming days till eternity. My prayers are with you, Clint & Emily. Love to you all, Janice Short



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**Janice Short** - May 01, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.



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May 01, 2021 at 11:00 AM

TR

“ So sorry to hear about Gilbert...he was a great guy. My prayers are with all of you.  
*Tracey Rounsavall*

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**Tracey Rounsavall** - April 30, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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April 30, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gilbert Randolph Hearn.*



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April 30, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Gilbert was a special person and a great friend. He always wanted to know how my boys were and I know he prayed a lot for them as if they were his own. I remember many Halloweens he would have a hay ride through the neighborhoods, keeping his kids out of trouble by being a part of their lives always. He would ask about others even when he wasn't at his best. Gilbert and Susan were great examples to the children and others of a strong christian marriage and faith. I am better for knowing him and pray the lord hold him close and comfort his family.*

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**Melanie Mogle** - April 30, 2021 at 08:56 AM