



## James Robert Gilleran

March 20, 1935 - July 11, 2020

James Robert Gilleran (85) of East China, MI passed away peacefully on Friday, July 11th, 2020.

Jim was born March 20, 1935 in Detroit, Michigan to the late George and Kathleen Gilleran (Brunett).

He honorably served in the US Army (Korea) and was very proud for having served his country. Upon graduating from Lawrence Technological University, Jim joined his father in the family business, McCausey Lumber Company (Detroit). In 1972 he became President and co-owner. Over the years, he developed many special relationships in the forest products industry, both domestic and abroad. He eventually became the USA, Managing Director for FinnForest Corporation (Finland) while remaining as an owner of McCausey. Jim had many accomplishments within the wood products industry, including being decorated in 2008 as "Knight of the Order White Rose Finland" by the Finnish Consulate, a prestigious honor for his contributions to the forestry industry.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Ann Marie Gilleran (Rinke), son Michael (Mickie) Gilleran, daughter Michele (Scott) Porterfield, daughter Renee (Steve) Zacharias, and grandchildren TJ (Samantha) Gilleran, Allyce (Dennis) Colpitts, Ryan Gilleran (Michelle Litton), Alex Porterfield, Erica Porterfield, and Nolan Zacharias. He is also survived by his brother Paul (Carole) Gilleran, sister Helen (Ken) Roach, sister-in-law Judy Gilleran, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents George and Kathleen Gilleran, brothers Jerry (Barb) and Tom (Judy) Gilleran, and sisters Regina (Jim) Butler, and Sr. Mary Fran Gilleran.

Special THANK YOU to all of the staff of Senior Care Advantage, Medical Team Hospice, Prestige Commons Living Center, and especially Jill Mahaffy, for their unconditional love and attention with managing Jim's care.

A Memorial and Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

Memorial contributions may be made to De La Salle Collegiate High School, Advancement Department, 14600 Common Rd., Warren Michigan 48088. Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, China Twp. To leave a message of comfort visit <http://www.youngcolonial.com>

# Cemetery

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**Cremation**

# Comments

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“ Sometimes you meet someone that creates such a difference in your life that it is so hard just to express your thoughts when they have passed. Jim was so kind and so generous. He taught me the importance of giving opportunity and growth to others. It was so great to work with Jim all my many years at McCausey Lumber Co. I will be forever grateful. The world just feels empty without him. Our deepest condolences to Ann and the Gilleran Family. May all your memories support you in this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto Jim, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine on him. Jim, may you forever be at peace.  
Linda and Bruce Bouford

Linda Bouford - July 18, 2020 at 07:49 PM

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“ To Ann and Jim's Family, Please accept my condolences on the death of Jim - he will be greatly missed. I have many fond memories of our "fun" times through the years. Be assured of my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time!  
Sincerely, Mary Ellen Martinson

Mary Ellen Martinson - July 15, 2020 at 12:48 PM

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“ Mike and Mickie, sorry to read about Mr. Gilleran's passing. You should be proud. Sure sounds like he was a very intelligent man. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.  
Nancy Beaudua

Nancy Beaudua - July 14, 2020 at 02:56 PM

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“ condolences from the Donaldson family



**kristi donaldson** - July 14, 2020 at 01:05 PM

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“ Mike -

Jim was the patriarch, not only for your family, but also for Metsa Woods business and many relationships here in the USA. His knowledge and leadership in the wood products industry will be missed.

Our thoughts, and prayers for strength and comfort, are with you and your entire family.

**Drew Schasny** - July 14, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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“ The Guswiler family share their condolences with all of the Gillerans on Jim's passing! He will remain in our thoughts and prayers! Love Gene Guswiler



**Eugene Guswiler** - July 14, 2020 at 10:14 AM

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“ Jules And Carol Bougenoy lit a candle in memory of James Robert Gilleran



**Jules and Carol Bougenoy** - July 14, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ Mike, your dad was a special man, and a wonderful employer. My dad loved working for your family, he spoke often of your dad and grandfather, he thought the world of them. I will be praying for you and your entire family. May God fill your hearts and minds with precious memories as you gather to celebrate your dad life.

**Mark Markovich** - July 13, 2020 at 09:51 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Ann, Mike, Michele, Renee and family,

Uncle Jim was a great guy! I remember a sincere smile and a twinkle in his eyes. He filled the room with warmth and kindness. He always seemed calm, cool and collected, not a mean bone in his body. Great memories of a wonderful man, uncle, husband, father and friend. The world has lost a good man, he truly made a difference. Rest In Peace Uncle Jim  
Laurie

**Laurie Rinke Madison** - July 13, 2020 at 07:28 PM