

# CLETUS OLIVER GILSON, JR.

"CLETE"



Age 95, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 8, 1929, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Cletus Oliver Gilson and Mary Wilson Gilson.

Clete was a dedicated husband to his beloved wife, Frances Makray Gilson. He was a loving father to his four children: Palma Jean (John) Sheehan, Michele (Jerry) Kollig, Christopher (Janet) Gilson, and Shawn (Diane) Gilson. Clete

was also a cherished Pop-Pop to Jack and Tracey Vaughan, Christopher (Stephanie) Gilson, Matthew (Alana) Gilson, Courtney (Andrew) Rubin, Ryan (Micheala) Gilson, Jason Gilson, Erin (Joel) O'Connor, Emily (Sam) Papa, Elizabeth (Brandon) Sheehan, and Matthew (Lisa) Sheehan; as well as a great-grandfather to 11 beautiful children who always brightened his day. Clete is also survived by his sister, Mary Lee Figueroa; special friends, Marty and Frannie Avery, Mark and Amber Hauger, and Bryce Hauger; nephew, Zachary Makray, and his caregiver Janet Henry. Clete leaves a legacy of many nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friendships. In addition to his parents, Clete was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Palma Gilson; his sister, Nancy Gilson Waldier; and his mother-in-law, Frances Makray Hayden.

Clete graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. In 1964, he founded Gilson Engineering Sales, Inc., which continues to thrive with a legacy of devoted employees.

Known for his kindness, generosity, integrity, and unwavering devotion to family and friends, Clete enjoyed golfing as a member of Sewickley Heights Golf Club and John's Island Club in Vero Beach, Florida.

Family and friends are welcome on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, 806 Perry Hwy., North Hills. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 10:30 am at Divine Redeemer Parish, St Mary's Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to one of the following charities: Hope For Families Center Inc., 720 4th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32962 (772-567-5537), or

Allegheny Health Network Healthcare@Home Hospice, 200 Allegheny Drive, Suite 201, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15086, Attn: Donations.

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