

GILBERT V. MCGURL JR.



Gilbert V. McGurl, Jr., Gil to his friends and family, was born in Newark, NJ, to Gil and Marcy McGurl in 1941. At the age of nine, Gil's family moved to Mount Lebanon, PA. He would eventually graduate from Central Catholic High School two years early. He then received his undergraduate from Carnegie Mellon University. He continued his studies, and later received his Doctorate in Chemical Engineering. He

then joined the U.S. Army Reserve, and was activated in 1965.

Gil served in the Vietnam War from May 1965 until May 1967 as an Engineer Officer. Upon returning from Vietnam, he remained in the Army Reserve until June 1973, when he was honorably discharged. Gil worked for Koppers Inc., a global chemical company. He then began his career for the Department of Energy, from which he would eventually retire.

Gil was devoted to his church and spent his retired years playing his guitar in the church choir. He was enthusiastic about his golf game. His passion, however, was cycling and he donated much of his time not only riding, but raising funds and coordinating improvements that enhanced the Montour Trail. Gil was a gentle and caring person, but a real fighter when it came to battling his cancer. As an avid bicyclist, Gil rode as often as possible throughout his 7 1/2 year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was planning to live a full and productive life, and did his best to beat this disease. Gil passed away peacefully in his sleep last Saturday, January 11, 2025.

Gil was predeceased by his parents; his son, Daniel McGurl; nephew, Robert D. Hite; and grandnephew, Christopher Slagle.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Noreen "Reen" Donnelly McGurl; his sons, Gerald "Gerry" (Lisa) McGurl and Michael "Mike" (Diane) McGurl; and daughter-in-law, Susan McGurl; foster daughter, Lisa Taylor; grandchildren, Taylor, Mara, Mia, Megan, Michael Jr. (Eve) and Samantha; great-grandchildren, Daniel Albert and Forrest Andrew; his sister, Margaret Hite (Ken); and nieces, Suzanne M. Hite, MD and Holly Hite Begeal (Jim).

Family and friends are welcome on Monday, January 20, 2025, from 2-6 pm, at **PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE**, 3287 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317, 724-260-5546. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 12 noon, at St. John the XXIII, St. Benedict the Abbot, 120 Abington Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT THE CHURCH. Burial will follow at The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, at 1:30 pm.

No flowers please. The family welcomes Memorial Masses in Gil's name, donations to the Montour Trail, <http://montourtrail.org> or to Pancreatic Cancer Research, <http://pancan.org>



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