



Gilbert Rodie Templeton

February 2, 1921 - March 6, 2012

Gilbert Rodie Templeton, age 91 of New Concord, passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2011 at his caregivers home.

He was born on February 2, 1921 in Newburgh, New York.

Mr Templeton was a pioneer MASH pilot. The retired Marine Major started his military career in June 1942 as a fighter pilot with the Navy. He was flying a F4U and had over 100 carrier landings, then switched to helicopters and became a Marine when W.W.II ended. He earned a Distinguished Flying Cross on a busy day during the Korean War when he hauled out eleven wounded soldiers. He earned numerous medals and awards but his main mission was to get fellow soldiers to the MASH units for medical help. He enjoyed golfing every chance he could until he wasn't able.

After retiring from the U.S.Marines Gilbert went to Jackson College in Honolulu, Hawaii where he earned his bachelors degree. He opened his own business and had a family while living there before coming to New Concord Ohio.

He leaves: two children, Scott Templeton of CA and Gilda Ericson of OK; many grandchildren; and special friends and caregivers, Mike and Helen Bell and their children Austin and Allie Bell of New Concord; and a long time companion Marjorie Stafford of the Beckett House.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents and one brother and sister. There will be a graveside service on Friday, March 9, 2012 at Bloomfield Cemetery at 11:00 am. Jim Gibson will officiate the service with Military

Graveside Rites being performed by the Guernsey County Veterans Council.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Guernsey County Veterans
Council at P.O. Box 572 Cambridge, Ohio 43725. The on line guest book may
be signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Bloomfield Cemetery

St. Rt. 209 West of Cambridge
Bloomfield, OH 43762

Previous Events

Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betsy Law lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Rodie Templeton*



Betsy Law - March 12, 2012 at 07:11 PM

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“ *Our family met Gil & Keir when they first moved to this area. We loved listening to Gil tell us about his military accomplishments and living in Hawaii. He will be missed. The Richard Pavlov family*



Anna Marie Pavlov - March 09, 2012 at 10:39 AM

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“ *It was a GREAT joy taking care of Gil. And seeing him everyday when he would come visit Tutu! He was a WONDERFUL, LOVING man! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family!*



Christina Showalter - March 07, 2012 at 04:00 PM