



## Joseph Vincent Gildea

August 17, 1935 - February 17, 2022

Joseph Vincent Gildea age 86 of Cambridge, passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at the Truman Hospice House in New Philadelphia. He was born on August 17, 1935 in Salesville, a son of the late Earnest A. Gildea and Rose L. (Klingenberg) Gildea.

Mr. Gildea served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1959. During the Korean War, he served up and down the Carribean seven times and was involved in the 1958 Beirut Lebanon Crisis. He had been stationed in Great Lakes, WI., Key West, FL., San Marcos and in the Mediterranean around Greece, Turkey. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th degree and the Valley Grange 7th degree.

In 1967 he was featured on the cover of Life Magazine for being a top salesman for Nationwide Insurance. Joe was a Nationwide Insurance Agent for 60 years, from 1960 to 2020. He was a devoted member of Christ Our Light Parish in Cambridge.

Joe leaves: daughters, Suzanne Gildea - Dych and Kathleen Gildea; a son Josh (Amanda) Brown - Gildea; granddaughter Nikki Dych; siblings, Rosemary Sebek, James (Sally) Gildea, Ernestine Soller and Ann Woods; 32 nieces and nephews, 41 great nieces and nephews and 13 great great nieces and nephews; his significant other Betty Murphy; and many lifelong friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother John Gildea.

Visitation will be at Christ Our Light Parish from 10 am to 11 am with the Funeral Mass to begin at 11 am on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Father Paul

Hrezo will officiate with burial to follow in St. Patrick Cemetery in Salesville. In lieu of flowers please have a Mass said in memory of Joe at Christ Our Light Parish. Joe's online guest book and service recording will be available at [www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com](http://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery - Salesville

Gildea Road  
Richland Township  
Salesville, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light Parrish  
701 Gomber Avenue  
Cambridge, OH 43725

## Funeral Services

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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701 Gomber Avenue  
Cambridge, OH 43725

# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Bundy-Law Funeral Home - February 22, 2022 at 02:35 PM



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Bundy-Law Funeral Home - February 22, 2022 at 02:35 PM

DA

“ Donald Adams lit a candle in memory of Joseph Vincent Gildea



Donald Adams - February 22, 2022 at 01:41 PM

DA

*It was a sad situation though what happened to Joe you such a great guy and he was great to his kids whenever he did it gracefully you'll be deeply missed let's angels of God guide him to gates of heaven*

Donald Adams - February 22, 2022 at 01:45 PM

CC

“ *C Clark lit a candle in memory of Joseph Vincent Gildea*



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**C Clark** - February 22, 2022 at 10:38 AM

CC

*Sorry for your loss..Condolences to the family.*

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**C Clark** - February 22, 2022 at 10:42 AM

JS

*Joe was a great man always giving his time to others and through the Knights of Columbus . Will miss that little chuckle he always gave. My prayers to Joe and his family. God Bless*

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**John Sprouse** - February 22, 2022 at 12:55 PM

BS

“ Joe was like a second father to me and many others. He always put others first and looked after our short and long term needs with a caring, kind, and personal trusting touch. He was a great help in making sure we had the correct insurance and financial plans for whatever income level we were at in different stages of life.

Joe was a bonus grandfather to our children. He attended graduation parties bringing his world famous homemade ice cream. We had a blast camping with him. We won't forget getting stuck in the middle of Seneca Lake one time when his boat died.

We will always be grateful that Joe shared his family with us. We consider them our family too: Suzanne and Nikki, Kathleen, Josh and Amanda, Betty, Rosemary and MaryAnn, and Jim and Sally. Prayers and hugs to all of you.

We thank God we got to know and love him for 35 plus years. It won't be the same without him.

Love,  
Brian, Connie and the rest of the Swigert family

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**Brian and Connie Swigert** - February 21, 2022 at 10:50 PM

LD

“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Joe's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with the family as you grieve and also remember all of the great times together. 🙏❤️ Lori Duke

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**Lori Duke** - February 21, 2022 at 12:48 PM

JL

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Joe was a great friend. His love and spirit will live on each time we remember him.

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**John LePage** - February 21, 2022 at 09:16 AM

MA

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family 🙏🙏. Joe was a gentleman. 🙏  
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Mike Andrews - February 20, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Joseph Vincent Gildea, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Navy Veteran, Joseph Vincent Gildea, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 20, 2022 at 02:56 PM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss.  
Jim & Paula Bakos

Paula Bakos - February 20, 2022 at 11:52 AM

RP

“ Joe was a great friend and trusted agent. We graduated from the same high school and he was my Nationwide agent for many years.

R. Gene Kerr, Ph.D. - February 20, 2022 at 11:08 AM

JR

“ Rest in peace, Joe. He was always our insurance agent. Always had his customers interest at heart.

Jenny and Ivan Rose - February 20, 2022 at 08:16 AM

AM

“ Joe was such a kind and generous man and will be missed by many including myself and the kids. His ice cream was a treat and he always joked to Madison to hurry up and get married so he could make ice cream for her wedding. May light perpetual shine upon him.

Anetta M. McNurlin - February 19, 2022 at 11:15 PM

JJ

“ To Joe's family and friends, I am so very sorry. Joe was such a kind and good man. I worked for his Aunt Margaret when I was in highschool. Joe and I had been emailing and talking on the phone about the Gildea history and the history of the New Gottingen and Gibson Station neighborhoods. He was a wealth of knowledge. I admired him so much and for his willingness to share. Joe will be sorely missed.

John K Johnson. Newark, Ohio

John K Johnson - February 19, 2022 at 05:54 PM

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“ TO JOE'S FAMILY AND BETTY, PLEASE ACCPET OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE, OUR SYMPATHY, OUR LOVE AND OUR PRAYERS. JOE WAS A GOOD FRIEND FOR OVER 30 YEARS (BETTY MURTHY WAS A GOOD FRIEND TO). MAY THE MEMORIES OF JOE BRING YOU COMFORT NOW AND THE DAYS A HEAD. WE WILL TRULY MISS JOE. WE WILL BE KEEPING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS. THE ICE;S ORA & FLORENCE  
JESSICA (ICE ) WYNN  
KIMBOLTON,OHIO



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**ORA & FLORENCE ICE** - February 19, 2022 at 05:50 PM

DH

“ TO THE FAMILY OF JOE, PLEASE ACEPT MY CONDOLENCE ( JOE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE) . I WAS JOE RIGHT HAND MAN . I WILL TRULY MISS HIM VERY MUCH. DAN HARDLY



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**DAN HARDY** - February 19, 2022 at 05:33 PM