



## Clarence "Bud" Gillespie

September 21, 1921 - January 18, 2012

TECUMSEH – Clarence “Bud” Gillespie, 90, of Adrian, passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at Cambrian Assisted Living.

Born September 21, 1921, in Comer, Georgia, Clarence was the youngest son of Homer and Alice (Owensby) Gillespie. Bud served in the Army and was stationed in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

On October 16, 1942, Clarence married Gladys “Louise” Guffey in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. They celebrated 60 years of marriage prior to her death in 2003.

Bud retired from Great Lakes Steel in 1986 with 42 years of service as a crane operator. He attended the Manitou Beach Baptist Church. Bud enjoyed working with stained glass, gardening, fishing and hunting small game. He was always happy to share produce from his vegetable garden with family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Sharon (William) Meltzer of Adrian; Buddy (Donna) Gillespie of Columbus, IN; Ricky (Ann Spehar) Gillespie of Aurora, IL; and Lori (Edward) Lancaster of Hudson; 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by 9 siblings.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2012, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Kruchkow officiating and military honors conducted by the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584. Burial will follow at Michigan Memorial Cemetery in Flat Rock. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. Contributions in memory of Bud may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or the Thompson Museum, Hudson, Michigan. You may also send condolences to the family at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Clarence "Bud" Gillespie

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Grandpa Bud you're always in my thoughts. The best parts of me are because of you.

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**zach lancaster** - October 13, 2018 at 09:40 PM



“ Rick,  
*It is with much sadness that we morn the passing of your father. Although we didn't know him, we know that he raised a great son, and that gift to the world will shine on. So even in this time of sadness, there is hope.*

*May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.##imported-begin##Carl and Paula##imported-end##*

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January 22, 2012 at 10:39 AM



“ Sharon, Buddy, Ricky, and Lori:

*Sorry to learn of your father's passing. I remember very well the summers that my family spent visiting you when we were children and teens. Your mother Louise's great cooking, and your father's maintaining that pool in the back yard year, after year, after year, are always among my best memories of summers in Michigan.*

*Best wishes to you all during this sorrowful time.*

*Your cousin,*

*Kevin Burnup, Atlanta GA##imported-begin##Kevin Burnup##imported-end##*

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January 21, 2012 at 08:15 PM



“ UNCLE BUD IS AT PEACE NOW,GOD BE WITH THE FAMILY-WE LOVE YOU. WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY##imported-begin##Brandon,Brandi,Shane,Braylee & Kenny rip##imported-end##

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January 20, 2012 at 07:52 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss,Bud will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Roger,Birdie & Mick Guffey##imported-end##

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January 20, 2012 at 07:50 AM



“ SHARON,BUDDY,LORI & RICK--WE ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR DAD,MY UNCLE BUD....HE WAS SUCH A GOOD MAN & IS NOW WITH YOUR MOM,AT PEACE. WE LOVE YOU ALL, GOD IS WITH YOU.###imported-begin##Tom & Cheryl Gering###imported-end##

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January 20, 2012 at 07:47 AM



“ Although we didnt know your Grandpa, we do know that he held a special place in your heart. Cherish all of those memories and he will always be with you.  
Love & Prayers,  
The Verniers###imported-begin##Rex, Brigell, Devon & Forrest###imported-end##

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January 19, 2012 at 07:11 PM