



Dr. Richard Gilmartin

July 31, 1931 - February 15, 2017

ADRIAN- Dr. Richard Gilmartin age 85 of Adrian passed away on February 15, 2017, at home under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Lenawee.

He was born on July 1, 1931, in Gary, Indiana to James and Florence (Dupslaff) Gilmartin. Richard earned his Bachelor of Science and Medical Doctorate from the University of Michigan. Richard served in the Air Force as a Captain from 1956-1958.

On June 13, 1953, Richard married Lillis Wylie in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they were married for 63 years. Dr. Gilmartin worked for many years in family practice and at Emma L. Bixby Hospital, where he specialized in Anesthesiology. He served as Chief of Medical Staff and was a member of the Board of Trustees at Emma L. Bixby Hospital. Dr. Gilmartin also served as President for Family Counseling Services. He was the founder and shortstop for the Bixby Tigers softball team.

Dr. Gilmartin had many interests including tennis, traveling, music, softball and reading, especially the works of Shakespeare.

Richard is survived by his wife Lillis, and son Jim Gilmartin of Schaumburg, IL and daughter Amy (Don) Lusk of Brooklyn, MI; many cousins, nieces and nephews and his beloved dog Justine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Mary Doney and brother James Gilmartin, and his son Thomas Gilmartin.

A private burial has taken place at Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements are

under the direction of Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Richard Gilmartin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dearest Amy & Jim,*

My sincere condolences in the passing of your parents and my American parents. I only just found out that your mom passed away when I came to this site to write some short words about your dad. They'll be sorely missed.

You guys opened your doors to me, almost 40 years ago when I arrived in the USA from Nigeria, a few weeks before I was to start my studies at The University of Michigan. You made me comfortable and taught me things that I still hold dear until today. Like I always told you and your parents, I am who I am today because of you guys. I am glad we remained friends over the years and I am sorry I never saw them in the last few years. I should have accepted your invitations Amy.

May God grant them eternal peace.

Love,

Aji

aji adeniji - March 08, 2017 at 08:52 AM

JS

“ My mom work for Dr. Gilmartin for many years. I remember visiting him whenever he wasn't busy when I came in to see my mom or came in with her for whatever reason. He was always happy to see me and took time to stop and talk to me. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met. I'm sad to hear about his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family

Jeremiah Snead

Jeremiah Snead - February 23, 2017 at 04:31 PM

HB

“ Dr. Gilmartin will be missed. Such a great man. He was my neighbor while growing up and we have such great neighborhood memories. He also played tennis weekly with my dad. Prayers to his family from The Russell's.

Holli Brielmaier - February 20, 2017 at 10:09 AM

LO

“ So sorry to hear that Dick passed away. I remember all the good times we had when the kids were growing up and we all lived in the Hillcrest area--your tree house, the pet pig, the kids camping in our vacant lot (when Dick slept out with them) and then later the 120th birthday party. Lydia Oprsal, Mark & Alan

Lydia Oprsal - February 18, 2017 at 09:25 AM

GB

“ Dear Mrs. Gilmartin, Jim, and Amy. We will all miss your husband and father. One of my favorite memories is the day I was sledding next to your house, and broke my leg. I was just in kindergarten, and Dr. Gilmartin was so kind to me. He suggested using a butter knife to help scratch my itchy leg under the cast. It worked! When I moved to Chicago in the 80's, we all went to a Cub's game and we wore our baseball gloves walking to Wrigley Field. Just a few years ago, my wife Sandra hit a few tennis balls with your dad between tennis matches at Kalamazoo on the sidewalk - he still had his great swing! I'm glad my daughter got to meet your parents while visiting in South Haven and I will always respect your dad as one of the most genuine, kind and sincere man I know.

Greg & Sandra Ver Beek

Greg Ver Beek - February 18, 2017 at 09:03 AM

KR

“ I knew Dr. Gilmartin as a gentle, intelligent man of integrity. He was our family doctor growing up and became a family friend due in large part, I suspect, to his and my Dad's shared love of Shakespeare.

One of my favorite memories is circa 1983 after I graduated from Adrian College and was working in insurance. He asked me about my job and I think I provided more detail than he was expecting but at the end of it he said "Well it sounds like you know what you are talking about". I thought that was a kind, gracious thing to say and, at the time, I did know what I was talking about.

RIP Dr. Gilmartin. God Speed.

Kathy Misseldine Rygiel

Kathy Misseldine Rygiel - February 17, 2017 at 11:01 PM

JD

“ Our deepest condolences from the Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church.
Dr. Gilmartin is remembered for his compassionate patient care and what he gave back to our community.
A long life well lived, the journey is now over. May you find comfort in your memories. You continue to be in our prayers.
May Christ's peace and promise lift your hearts and sustain you in this difficult time.

Jim Dickson - February 17, 2017 at 08:31 PM

IH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Gilmartin Family. We join you in prayer.

Richard was a great physician who took care of so many people in our community. May his memory be eternal. May his Soul rest in Peace.

Dr. Inad & Liliane Haddad

Inad Haddad - February 16, 2017 at 03:46 PM

BS

Our family lived down the street from the Gilmartins' for many years. What an amazing family! They shared their yard, allowing us kids to play kickball every night. There were also fun times with Wilbur and Spot. Dr. & Mrs. Gilmartin always had a smile and kind words. I remember them fondly and am thankful for all the great times at their house. I am sorry to hear of Dr. Gilmartin's passing. I will pray for the family. I so wish i coukd attend the service but I am still teaching in California. Hugs and condolences to Mrs. Gilmartin, Jim, and Amy.

Barbara Miller Sanchez - February 17, 2017 at 06:43 PM

JS

Both of my parents practiced medicine in Adrian with Dick and our families were very close, even going on several amazing vacations together. I'll always remember Dick as a fun-loving and caring man, always ready to help anyone, and the personification of what a family doctor should be. He brought joy and light into the lives of everyone who knew him. Our deepest sympathies go to Lellis, Jim, and Amy.

Jim and Barb Skufis

Jim Skufis - February 20, 2017 at 07:17 AM

LC

Today, I learned of Dr. Gilmartin's passing, and I am so sorry for your loss. I'll always remember, the J. Geils parties we had at the Gilmartin House. How your parents put up with us, and the noise, I have no idea. Also, I recall the dinner they hosted, before traveling to Russia. It was the first time I tried Borscht! Everyone was always warmly welcomed into your home. Dr. Gilmartin will be missed by so many. Condolences to you all.

*With Sympathy
Lori Whipple Caza*

Lori Caza - February 21, 2017 at 05:13 PM



*Deepest condolences Amy on the loss of your parents, stay strong.
Lisa (Wagner) Doan*

Lisa Doan - March 27, 2017 at 05:21 PM