



Larry D. Gilson

September 2, 1940 - November 4, 2015

Larry D. Gilson, 75
Kearney resident

Larry D. Gilson, 75, of Kearney, formerly of North Platte, died Wednesday, November 4th at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital. Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 6th at the Kearney cemetery. The Rev. Gary Main will officiate. Memorials are suggested to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Larry D. Gilson was born September 2, 1940 in Fullerton, Nebraska to Dale and Lois (Davis) Gilson. He graduated from Fullerton High School in 1958. Larry attended Peru State college earning his Bachelor's degree in 1962 with endorsements in Industrial Arts and Physical Education. On May 28, 1973, he was united in marriage to Thelma Jean Johnsen in North Platte, NE.

Larry served as a head basketball coach for Maxwell High School, Curtis Medicine Valley High School and Eustis Farnum High School. During his coaching career, Larry achieved one State championship, two state runner-ups, twelve state qualifying teams, seventeen conference championships and fifteen district championships. He amassed 576 wins (5th all-time) and 242 losses over his 39 years of coaching. Larry was also the co-contributor to the

“Gilson 6th Person Award,” a basketball honor for high school athletes throughout the state sponsored by The Huskerland Prep Report. He was a longtime member of the Nebraska Coaches Association.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Thelma Gilson of Kearney; sons, Randy Gilson (Montess Munoz) of Clay Center, NE and Tory Gilson of Kearney; granddaughter, Giselle Gilson; step grandson, Gabriel Munoz; brother, Dan Gilson; sisters-in-law, JoAnn Gilson and Linda Gilson; niece and nephews, Melissa, Justin, Patrick and Anthony Gilson.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Douglas Gilson.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry D. Gilson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear of your loss and although I didn't not know Larry personally, I feel like he has always been a part of the stories told around the dinner table. My parents Jerry and Pam James were always sharing great memories of Larry and their time spent in Maxwell. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*
Taneca (James) Smidt

Taneca Smidt - November 12, 2015 at 10:51 AM



Thank you very much for the kind thoughts from the Gilson Family.

Tory Gilson - December 08, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Judy Taylor lit a candle in memory of Larry D. Gilson*



Judy Taylor - November 07, 2015 at 05:54 PM



Thank you from the Gilson Family.

Tory Gilson - December 08, 2015 at 11:18 AM

JS

“ Thoughts & prayers with the family! Mr. Gilson (never can call a teacher by their first name, even if it's been 25 years) was "one of a kind"!! He created so many, many memories for all of us Maxwell alumni for many, many years. Thinking of you all, Thelma & boys during this difficult time. Jeff & Julie (Harwager) Stenger- both class of 1987.



Julie Stenger - November 07, 2015 at 04:53 PM

TG

Thank you for the kind thoughts from the Gilson Family.

Tory Gilson - December 08, 2015 at 11:19 AM

JG

“ Decades since last remember seeing larry, he always called me jumper not sure why but will remember this along with the ride he gave me in his brand new 1964 Chevy impala ss with a 4 speed. God bless him he will be missed. Jon J Gilson

Jon J Gilson - November 07, 2015 at 12:03 PM

TG

Thank you for your kind thoughts from the Gilson family

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:45 PM

ES

“ Ernie And Pat Schuster lit a candle in memory of Larry D. Gilson



Ernie and Pat Schuster - November 06, 2015 at 08:13 PM

TG

Thank you

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:44 PM

MJ

“ I've always known Uncle Larry to be kind and caring to family and friends. The achievements he has earned over the years and the challenges he has bravely endured in recent years are an inspiration to even those of us that live many miles away. When we made the trip to visit throughout the years, I had many good memories of Uncle Larry showing us around many of the towns and sites in the area and sharing stories of family history. I'll always remember when Grandpa J and Uncle Larry took my brother and I to catch walleye at the inlet at Lake Maloney when we were much younger. We also enjoyed when Uncle Larry and family visited us in our home town. Our hearts go out to Aunt Thelma, Tory and Randy who provided so much comfort, love and caring back to Uncle Larry. We will miss him, but have good memories of Uncle Larry and we will never forget him or his cheerful laugh.



Michael and Debbie Johnson - November 06, 2015 at 07:23 PM

TG

Thank you Michael, you are very kind

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:44 PM

MJ

“ Michael And Debbie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Larry D. Gilson



Michael and Debbie Johnson - November 06, 2015 at 07:17 PM

TG

Thank you

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:43 PM

DB

“ *Sorry to hear about Larry loved to watch him coach those maxwell wildcats with my dad back in the day.they are having a laugh with each other right now*

duane brittenham - November 06, 2015 at 06:10 PM

TG

Thank you for your kind thoughts from the Gilson family

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:43 PM

GT

“ *So sorry to see this guys. Larry was more then a coach and teacher he was a good friend to me and my brother Doug. I enjoyed seeing him at games and talking over old times when Randy and Torey played. We lost a great man who made a huge contribution to basketball across the state of Nebraska. From Greg and Doug Tetley*

greg tetley - November 06, 2015 at 03:09 PM

TG

Thank you for your kind thoughts from the Gilson family

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ *Thelma, Randy, Tory and family, Truly sorry for your loss and prayers with all of you. I am sure Larry had no idea of the impact he had on so many. We were very fortunate to have been one of those who received rewards from Larry and Thelma both. The impact you have had on our son was amazing. Having your sons be examples to ours was tremendous. Take years to see the results but they are there. May God bring you comfort at this time! Everyone had such fond memories of Larry and his dedication to his career. Sue Ochsner*

Sue Ochsner - November 06, 2015 at 05:54 AM

TG

Thank you for your kind thoughts from the Gilson family

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:42 PM

TC

“ *Thanks for the memories coach! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry D. Gilson.*



Thanks for the memories coach! - November 05, 2015 at 10:06 PM

MB

“ *I have many great memories of Coach Gilson playing for him in Jr high and against him in high school. He was a great influence on many kids.*

Mike Brown

Mike Brown - November 05, 2015 at 06:57 PM

TG

Thank you for your kind thoughts from the Gilson family

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry D. Gilson.*



November 05, 2015 at 01:12 PM

PJ

“ *I have so many memories to share but a couple of my favorite are when our daughter Tia was born Larry held her when we first got home from the hospital and he said it was the first time he had ever held a baby (I am pretty sure I have a picture of that moment) and as time went on he spent many hours with us and did his best to teach her to say bull s---! My second memory that has stayed with me all these years is one time when he was at our house he and Jerry finished off a bag of FunYum's (my favorite treat) and I was very mad at them, in a few days I had a case of them compliments of Larry. To this day I can hardly stand to smell them!!! So many more memories have crossed my mind over the years but those spent with Larry at the Maxwell football games, basketball games etc were some of the best. Larry taught Jerry many of the fine points of coaching. My thoughts are with you Thelma and your family, Larry's life is one to be celebrated. If their is a football team in heaven I will bet that Larry and Jerry are helping coach, if not on the sidelines they are certainly in the stands giving their best advise.*
Pam James

Pam James - November 05, 2015 at 10:08 AM

TG

Thank you for your kind thoughts from the Gilson family

tory gilson - December 10, 2015 at 10:40 PM

KM

“ *Mr. Gilson was my all time favorite! I loved his laugh, fairness, and his patience. Lots of great memories! Prayers and thoughts for the family. Kim McCants class of 81*

Kim McCants - November 05, 2015 at 09:54 AM

TG

Thank you very much for your kind thoughts from the Gilson Family.

Tory Gilson - December 08, 2015 at 11:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry D. Gilson.*



November 05, 2015 at 08:34 AM

FS

“ *From the Class of 1983 Maxwell High School purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry D. Gilson.*



From the Class of 1983 Maxwell High School - November 04, 2015 at 09:15 PM