



Gilbert Junior McGee

April 23, 1928 - April 7, 2017

Gilbert Junior “Fibber” McGee, age 88, of Chanute, KS, passed away Friday, April 7, 2017 in Chanute. Gilbert was born on April 23, 1928 in Conway Springs, KS the son of Gilbert Elmer and Effie Edna (Gooden) McGee. He married Wanda “Molly” Delores (Sharp) in Wichita, KS on May 12, 1947. She survives him of the home.

While attending school in Mulvane, KS he worked at a grocery store. All through high school, he worked at Archer Daniels Midland Company before graduating from Fredonia High School. After graduating, he went to work as a fireman on the Santa Fe Railroad and worked his way up to engineer. During his employment, he got the privilege of helping to bring the steam engine to town that still sits at Santa Fe Park. Gilbert was a hard worker and a perfectionist. Upon his retirement from the Santa Fe Railroad in 1990, he had earned the spot of #1 on the engineer’s board.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. His love for his children led to him joining several organizations that help all children. He was a member of Chanute Shriners, Mirza Temple, York Rites, Masonic Lodge #103, Scottish Rites, Elks and was a charter member of the Meadowlark Sam RV Campers Club. In his spare time, Gilbert enjoyed watching birds and was an avid woodworker, even building the house he and Wanda live in. Gilbert also liked to hunt and got his

once-in-a-lifetime deer in the form of a 23-point buck that scored 216 in the Boone and Crockett, an accomplishment he was very proud of! He was a member of Chanute First Baptist Church.

Gilbert is survived by:

Wife:

Wanda "Molly" McGee of the home

Children:

Vernon (Margaret) McGee of Chanute, KS

Lela McGee of Chanute, KS

Jennie (Ricky) Wead of Joplin, MO

17 Grandchildren

34 Great Grandchildren

4 Great-Great Grandchildren

Nieces and Nephews

Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents; son, Martin McGee; sisters, Edna Mae Trimble and Bonnie Ruth Barker; grandsons, Roy Dean Holden and Vernon Gilbert McGee, Jr.; and great-granddaughter, Taylor Mae Clemens.

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home – Gibson Chapel in Chanute, KS. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gibson Chapel with interment immediately following at Farmington Cemetery in Fredonia, KS. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Memorials have been suggested to the Shriners Hospital Dad Transportation Fund or Kansas Crippled Children and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 16 N. Forest, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Farmington Cemetery

Just east of Harper Rd on 1800 Rd
Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel
16 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-2660
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

APR **13**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember Jr as a man who love to tease and joke but always in love. If he teased you you knew you were loved. He did love children and his family. He will always be missed and loved. I can't help but think of his great reunion he is now having with family and friends who passed away before him. What joy!! We will meet again one day:) Ginny Bridges and family

Virginia (Ginny) Bridges - April 14, 2017 at 01:24 PM

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“ Fibber was such a good friend to my dad, Earl Ostrander, giving him rides and helping him. So sorry for your loss.

Rita Waltermire - April 12, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gilbert Junior McGee.



April 11, 2017 at 11:47 PM

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“ Fibber: Helped me get my job on the Railroad in 1963 as a fireman. We lived out in the country and did not have a phone, so I stayed with his family and took my call at his house. I have known his family for years and a very close to me. He will deeply missed in my life. Love always Don.



Don Freeberg - April 11, 2017 at 11:51 AM