



Gilbert Burgers was born February 27, 1934, to Dérk and Celia (Heijnekamp) Burgers in Bennekom, Netherlands. He attended Christian School in the Netherlands and later worked for a Newspaper. He immigrated to the United States in 1948 at the age of 14 and came to Rock Valley, Iowa. He worked for several farmers until he was called to serve in the United States Army. Gilbert proudly served from 1955 until being honorably discharged in 1957.

On September 2, 1959, Gilbert was united in marriage with Wilma Van De Stroet in Rock Valley. Together the couple made their home in Rock Valley where they raised their four children: Derrel, Gloria, Glenda, and Leon. Gilbert and Wilma were charter members of Trinity Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley.

Gilbert worked at Roorda Machine shop, until moving to a farm by Alvord, Iowa. He enjoyed hobby farming the most. Gilbert later worked in maintenance at Grand Laboratories in Larchwood, Iowa. Gilbert and Wilma moved to Inwood, Iowa in 1991 and later back to Rock Valley where he worked for Post Equipment separating precious metals. He enjoyed tending to his flower, vegetable and fruit gardens, riding bike, and talking about his time in the Netherlands and his time in the Army. Gilbert returned to the Netherlands many times for visits and has fond memories of them all. Gilbert passed away Friday, February 21, 2025, at Fellowship Village of Inwood, Iowa, surrounded by his loving family. He was 90 years old.

Gilbert is survived by three children, Gloria Burgers of Rock Valley, Glenda Jones of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Leon (Lora) Burgers of Alvord; three grandchildren, Sara (Jason) Roskup, Tawny Jones, and Tara Jones; two great-grandchildren, Jada and Alyse Roskup; and sisters-in-law, Beverly Dykstra of Rock Valley and Josie Van De Stroet of Visalia, California.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents, Dérk and Celia; wife, Wilma Burgers; son, Derrel Burgers; grandson, Michael Lottman; two brothers, Jacob “Jake” Burgers, and Dick Burgers; and four sisters, Neeltje Willemsen, Aaltje Van Holland, Teunisje “Tilly” Van Holland and Willemina (Minnie) De Man.

In Loving Memory
Gilbert Burgers
February 27, 1934 ~ February 21, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE
10:30 AM, Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANTS
Rev. Stanley Groothof
Rev. Dan De Groot

ORGANIST
Pat Vander Pol

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS
“A Shout Rings Out, a Joyful Voice”
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

PALLBEARERS
Leon Burgers ~ John Leusink
Alan Leusink ~ Stewart Krummen
Henry DeMan ~ Willie DeMan

MEMORIAL
Justice For All

MILITARY RITES
American Legion Pfarrer-Fox Post 321
Iowa Honor Guard

INTERMENT
Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Gilbert’s family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.

TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill,
from the sky.*

All is well, safely rest.

God is nigh.

*Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.*

As we go, this we know.

God is nigh.



In Honored Memory