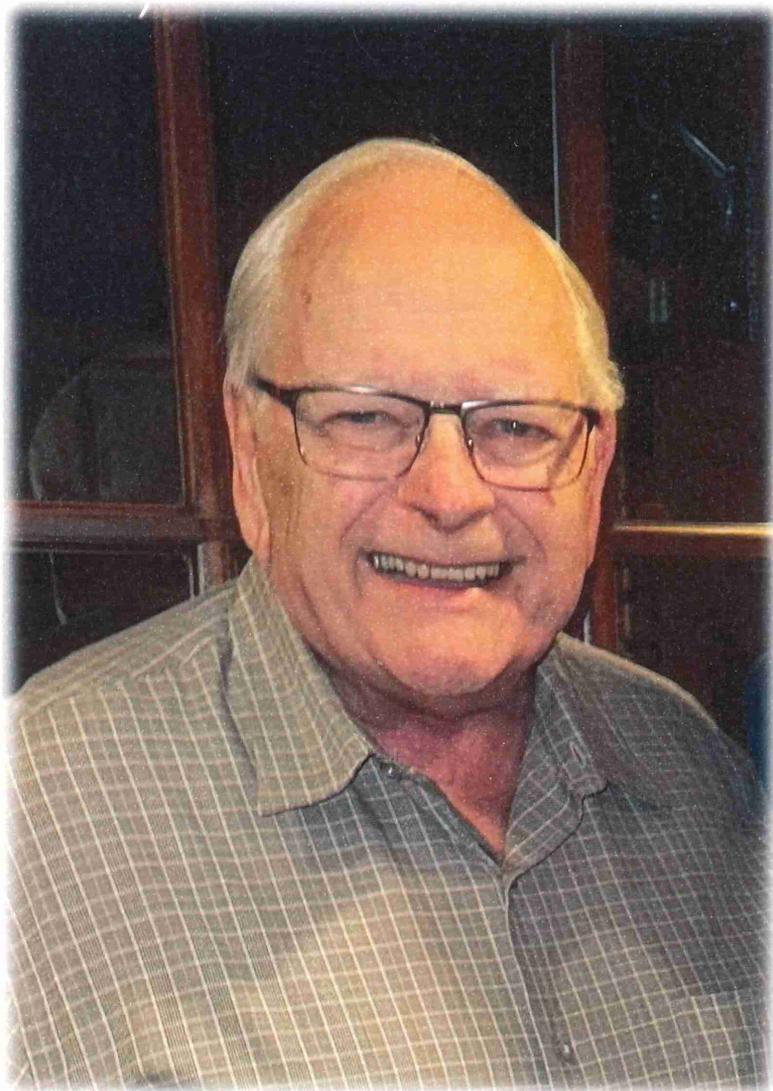


Celebrating the Life of



Brian Gilbertson

February 25, 1950 ~ April 1, 2025

Brian Wayne Gilbertson, 75, passed away on April 1, 2025 at Allen Hospital in Waterloo, IA following a brief illness.

Born in Duluth, MN to Connie and Warren Gilbertson, Brian spent his youth enjoying the beloved Minnesota activities of hockey and time at the lake. He was the little brother to Randy and big brother to Roger and had many memories and stories of adventures and antics together as they grew up on the North Shore.

Brian graduated from Duluth East High School in 1968 and went on to serve in the Minnesota Air National Guard before earning his Bachelor's degree from University of Minnesota Duluth in 1974. He moved to Minneapolis and began his career in food sales at General Mills followed by several years at American Chicle, before he became a proud entrepreneur representing various candy brands until he retired in 2012.

Brian married Margaret (Peggy) Wilhite on September 23, 1978 and welcomed two children - Scott and Betsy. Brian was a loving, lighthearted, and supportive father and husband to his family. He was a shining example of a compassionate and committed caregiver to Peggy prior to her passing from cancer in 2009.

Brian was a wonderfully kind, patient, joyful, and simple man of strong faith. He cherished his family above all else and in recent years enjoyed living in Iowa to be close to his grandchildren, Case and Laikyn. Brian was a loyal and caring friend and was quick to share a smile or a joke to bring a laugh or lighten the mood. Ever the salesman, he could strike up conversation with most anyone and enjoyed showing off his impressive pop culture knowledge and 'Cliff Clavin' facts to others. He was a fan of the Minnesota Twins, enjoyed reading a good book, and was often found sipping on a cup of coffee in his lazy boy while searching to see "what else was on TV".

Brian was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy, parents Warren and Connie, and brother Randy. He is survived by his children Scott Gilbertson of Livingston, MT and Betsy (Jesse) Meehan of Cedar Falls, IA; grandchildren Case and Laikyn Meehan; brother Roger (Nancy) Gilbertson of Minnetonka, MN; sister-in-law Jan Gilbertson of Lakeville, MN; nieces, nephews, godchildren, and many dear lifelong friends.

A service to celebrate the life and faith of

**Brian Gilbertson**

Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapel  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 11:00 am

The Prelude

The Invocation and Prayer

Song *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

The Reading of Scripture

Memories

Song *It Is Well With My Soul*

Message

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Song *How Great Thou Art*

The Postlude



**Participants**

**Pastor:** Howard 'Skip' Reeves

**Memories:** Scott Gilbertson and Mike Timmerman

**Scripture Reader:** Roger Gilbertson

Brian's family extends a sincere 'thank you' for joining us today in the celebration of his life.

Please join us immediately following the service for refreshments and a time of sharing memories of Brian.



Together Again

