James William Gifford, age 68 of Plano, Texas passed away on March 31, 2009. He was born on March 5, 1941 in Marshalltown, Iowa to Rachel Maxine (Burnett) and James Benjamin Gifford. On June 10, 1962 James married Judith Ann Wilson in Marshalltown, Iowa. He served in the US Navy and worked for Lennox Air Conditioning and Heating. James is survived by his children, Kim Coleman and her husband, Mike of Lewisville, Texas; Jodi Haas and her husband, Stephen of Frisco, Texas; Dan Gifford and his wife, Amanda of Abilene, Texas; and Bret Gifford of Lewisville, Texas; grandchildren, Clayton Coleman, Chase Abshier, Jacob Gifford, and Benjamin Gifford. James is preceded in death by his wife, Judith Ann Gifford; parents, Rachel and James Gifford; sister, Marsha Gifford. A Graveside Service will be held at Ridgeview Memorial Park, 2525 Central Expressway North, in Allen, Texas 75013 on Friday, April 3, 2009 at 10:30 AM with Reverend Danny Buster officiating. Family and friends are invited to the funeral home in Frisco at their convenience on Thursday to pay their respects and to sign the register book. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Thursday evening at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Memorials

May God's blessings and the memories of your love one support you in this difficult time.

DAVID & TERESA STAILEY, APRIL 8, 2009

To Jim’s family, I am your fathers' first cousin. My father Myron and your grandfather James were brothers. I was at your home in Texas about 30 years
ago. I got to visit with your father and grandfather, who happened to be visiting. I was saddened to hear of Jim’s passing. I had only met him once before when our family visited Iowa in the early 1960s. I know you will all miss him.

Condolences to all, Billy Gifford

WILLIAM JACOB GIFFORD, APRIL 6, 2009

Dear Kim, Jodi, Dan and Bret, I just got an email from Gary Gifford about the death of your dad. I am so glad that I was able to see him this past fall when we were in Texas. Thank you Kim and Jodi for that. Our sympathy and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow and loss. I have many good memories of your mom and dad. Love from your cousin, Patty

PATRICIA K. BURROWS, APRIL 5, 2009

Jim, Gary and I were grade school friends and neighbors. Judy also attended Grace E.U. B. church with us...so sorry to see of his passing, would loved to been in touch and seen him at our reunion this summer.....my thoughts and prayers with you during this difficult time.....jim and i had freckles and we were teased alot.

KAREN SWARTZ SELTZIN, APRIL 2, 2009

Sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Jim was not in very good health the past few years, so it is a blessing for him. But we know you will miss him a lot. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

GARY & MERADEN & BURTON GIFFORD, APRIL 2, 2009

Hi Kids, Jim was a close friend and we had many good times over the years, from childhood to adulthood. Several bars in Texas will never forget us, I'm sure. Your Mom and Dad were good married friends of ours also. Many great memories flash past our minds at this time. Our prayers are with each of you and your families. Wayne and Nancy Hefler

WAYNE-NANCY HELFER, APRIL 2, 2009

Have thought of dear classmate often. So sorry to here of his death. Best wishes and condolences to family Sybil

SYBIL LOUISE BAILEY/JOHNSON, APRIL 2, 2009
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