



## Gilbert Duane Hacker

September 21, 1948 - March 31, 2016

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To view the graveside service for Gilbert, please click the link below.

<http://portal.midweststreams.com/services/displayvideo/3208>

Gilbert Duane Hacker, 67, died Thursday, March 31, 2016, from complications after a courageous battle with leukemia. Born September 21, 1948, in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, he was the son of the late Gertrude (Hacker) Sheridan and Ervin Hacker. A gentle man, he was known lovingly as Gib to those he held close and as Gil to his cherished friends.

Gilbert is a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he earned the Bronze Star. After 27 years in the Air Force, he retired as Command Chief Master Sergeant, the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force. Gilbert served his country far and wide, from North Dakota to Thailand and England to New York, before settling in Alexandria after retirement. The quieter lifestyle suited this endearing man. Filled with family and friends, it's where he purchased his dream home on Lobster Lake, caught his first of many walleye and worked as a custodian in School District 206. He pursued this second career still climbing the ranks and left as head custodian at Alexandria Area High School.

Gilbert grew up in Murdock, Minnesota, playing football and working at the town's grain elevator where he forged his hard-at-work attitude. Gilbert is fondly remembered for his strong leadership and ease with which he

mentored his staff, starting by working alongside them and continuing with endless patience. He took great pride in his work, proclaimed his greatest accomplishments were his family and two children, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking and playing cards.

Gilbert — husband, father, friend and “bro” — now strolls through heaven, still providing and caring for those around him. As we wait to join him, we take comfort in seeing him in the sunset reflecting off the lake, in kind acts from others and in that first morning coffee he loved so much.

Gilbert is survived by Marie, his high school sweetheart, travel partner and loving wife of 47 years; daughter, Crystal; son, Jeremy (Elizabeth); granddaughters, Jillian and Jessica; brothers, Richard (Dee), Ronald (Donna) and Russell (Mary); sister, Bonnie French (the late Kenneth); brother-in-law, Jim Baird; honorary grandchildren, Abby, Kali, Robb and Carter; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marlene Baird.

Gilbert’s visitation is 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 8 at Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria. Visitation will continue at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria on Saturday, April 9 from 8:30-9:30 a.m., followed by the memorial service at 9:30 a.m. His burial will be in Kinkead Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Leukemia & Lymphoma LLS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home  
659 Voyager  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

## Visitation

APR 9. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church  
605 Douglas  
Alexandria, MN 56308

## Memorial Service

APR 9. 9:30 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church  
605 Douglas  
Alexandria, MN 56308

# Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert Duane Hacker



Anderson Funeral Home - April 05, 2016 at 02:16 PM

AZ

“ Indeed a gentleman through an through! Our heart felt prayers go out to Marie and family. We celebrate Gil's life and wait for the gathering. Love Art & Kathy Zelesnikar

Art & Kathy Zelesnikar - April 28, 2016 at 09:06 PM

KT

“ Just heard this sad news! Sending love, hugs, and prayers to you all! Karen and Mike xoxo



karen tatum - April 22, 2016 at 08:24 PM

BF

“ There will never be a better friend, cousin or buddy than you were to all of us.  
Love the Foss Family

Brenda Foss - April 18, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duane Hacker.*



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April 07, 2016 at 07:13 PM



“ *Mike Plegge purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gilbert Duane Hacker.*



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**Mike Plegge** - April 07, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duane Hacker.*



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April 06, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert Duane Hacker.*



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April 06, 2016 at 11:23 AM

DH

“ *Dennis will never forget working with Gil and we will always be grateful for his and Marie's friendship. Our deepest condolences he will be missed.....*  
*Dennis and Kathy Holman*

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**Dennis and Kathy Holman** - April 04, 2016 at 07:28 PM

GR

“ *Dear Marie & family, It's sad to lose a member of our military family. The last memory of our time at Griffiss Air Force Base was going to Gil's retirement just before they closed the base. George & I have enjoyed keeping up with you through your Christmas news letters. Please know you are in our thoughts & prayers. George & Linda Rivera*

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**George Linda Rivera** - April 01, 2016 at 12:17 PM