



Barney Gilley

June 15, 1925 - February 26, 2022

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Barney Gilley, 96, passed away Saturday, February 26, 2022 at his home with his loving family by his side. He was of the Baptist faith. He was a Navy veteran, who served during WWII. After returning home from the military, in 1945 he opened Gilley's Jeweler's in Big Stone Gap. Barney was instrumental in starting Mountain Empire Community College and Lonesome Pine Hospital, where he served on the board for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ollie Gilley; son, Greg Gilley; daughter, Patsy Masters; granddaughter, Nicole Chatil; brother, Jimmy Gilley.

Barney is survived by daughters, Margaret Mcdevitt of Florida, Debora (Joe) Kirk of St. Paul, VA; sons, Steve (Regina) Gilley of Wise, VA, Barney Gilley of Big Stone Gap, VA; 6 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; brother, Roger Gilley.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1:30 pm on Friday, March 4, 2022, at Riverview Cemetery, East Stone Gap with Sam Green officiating. Family and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

STATE ROUTE 613
EAST STONE GAP, VA 24246

Previous Events

Service

MAR 4. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Family and Friends of Barney Gilley, Sr.,
I was so sorry to hear about his passing (I just found out). He was a nice man, and I enjoyed working with him. You will be in my thoughts and prayers for God's comfort, peace, and strength as you miss him. God Bless you, Renee Roberts (the "vision lady")*

Renee Roberts - August 15, 2024 at 12:09 PM

TS

“ *How very sad we are to learn of Barney's passing. What a delightful gentleman he was. Harvey and I will miss visiting him when we are in Big Stone Gap in the future. It won't be the same without visiting him and "Crossing. his bridge"! Our deepest sympathy to the entire family, especially Barney jr. With love, Tinker Slack, Ormond Beach, FL*

Tinker Slack - March 17, 2022 at 01:46 PM

SF

“ *Sincerest sympathy to the Gilley family in the loss of your Dad. May God lead and guide you at this difficult time and ease your sorrow.
Tommy and Shirley Fisher*



Shirley M. Fisher - March 01, 2022 at 10:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barney Gilley.*



March 01, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this Brother and Steve. Barney and dad were best friends. We all hunted together and had many great times. I am sure he and dad are catching up on the stories now. I can just see them laughing. RIP buddy
Eddie Gardner*

Eddie Gardner - March 01, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Lisa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Barney Gilley*



lisa johnson - March 01, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Just like the big stone gap movie we went to Barney gilley for our jewelry needs. I still j have my class ring class of 78 that I bought from Barney gilley.
Rest In Peace Barney. U have earned it.*



lisa johnson - March 01, 2022 at 08:58 PM

LP

“ *Lois Wade Porter lit a candle in memory of Barney Gilley*



Lois Wade Porter - March 01, 2022 at 05:45 PM

ZD

“ *What a true gentleman in every sense of the word. I never saw the man that he wasn't in a suit and tie. He really helped me when I joined the Masonic lodge. I was honored to be at his 50 year pinning ceremony. My deepest sympathy for the family. He was sure loved*

Zach Dorton - March 01, 2022 at 01:31 PM

JF

“ *My condolences and prayers to Barney's family. Barney was a pillar of many good qualities in BSG and our county. I cherish our many years of friendship. He was a pleasure to fellowship with.*
Jerry Fraley

jerry Fraley - March 01, 2022 at 10:22 AM

LI

“ *Dear Margaret, May you have peace for today and strength for all the tomorrows. Linda Bobrosky*

linda - March 01, 2022 at 09:25 AM

DD

“ Donna Delp lit a candle in memory of Barney Gilley



Donna Delp - March 01, 2022 at 12:49 AM

DD

In loving memory of Barney, a friend to my family as long as I can remember. God bless his family. From the Peaks and Delp family. Prayers for you all.

Donna Delp - March 01, 2022 at 12:52 AM

Shelby Meade

“ Shelby Meade lit a candle in memory of Barney Gilley



Shelby Meade - February 28, 2022 at 10:45 PM

Shelby Meade

So sorry to hear of Barney passing. He was always such a fine gentleman to everyone. I bought jewelry from him many times and he would go out of his way to satisfy you with your purchase and always kind to deal with in the store. My condolences go out to the family he leaves behind. R I P Barney.

Shelby Meade - February 28, 2022 at 10:53 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Tate Davidson lit a candle in memory of Barney Gilley*



Kathy Tate Davidson - February 28, 2022 at 10:05 PM

JR

“ *Barney Gilley was a true gentleman. He owned and operated Gilley's jewelers next to Mikes Town N Tweed where I worked. I loved purchasing beautiful jewelry from Barney and he always made me feel so welcome. He was a special man.*

judith gibson riner - February 28, 2022 at 08:40 PM

TC

“ *Barney has been one of our best friends and community neighbor for many years. He was a great story teller to me I learned a lot from him about Crackers Neck and our beautiful mountain. He will be missed he probably the last oldest man living in our community. We haste lost the ones I remember visiting and listening to them and learning about life. Prayers for the kids and family. With sympathy.*

Teresa Davis Clark - February 28, 2022 at 08:07 PM

RB

“ *He was so kind and helpful to me in my early years of practice. He remained a friend and patient for 30 years.*

Roger Bays - February 28, 2022 at 06:46 PM

JW

“ *Fine man! Knew him all my life.*

janet wilson - February 28, 2022 at 02:15 PM

JW

Prayers and blessings

janet wilson - February 28, 2022 at 02:16 PM

SE

“ so sorry hear this Barney was my mom neighbor for years Prayers to family

shirley evans - February 28, 2022 at 11:55 AM