

J. Michael Gilmore

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J. Michael Gilmore, 67, of St. Simons Island died Friday, October 28, 2005. Mike was a native and lifelong resident of Glynn County, having graduated from Glynn Academy in 1957, and serving in the U.S. Air Force for six years. He then began his career as a Firefighter. He retired with the rank of Captain from the Glynn County Fire Department, serving for more than 50 years and continuing to actively volunteer. He was a member of the Railroad Club of Brunswick and enjoyed trains, planes and auto racing.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Hinely Gilmore of St. Simons Island; a daughter and son-in-law, Camille and Charles Tucker of Bethlehem; a granddaughter, Emma Camille Tucker of Bethlehem; a brother, John L. Gilmore of St. Simons Island; a nephew, Sidney Babjak and his wife, Teona, of St. Simons Island; a niece, Marisa Wiggins and her husband, Jim, of Boynton Beach, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Peggy Bates and her husband, Bobby, of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; a cousin, Camille Penders of St. Simons Island; a special friend, Edith Smoak of St. Simons Island; and a great niece and great nephew, Jennifer Babjak and Bryan Babjak, both of Valdosta.

A memorial service with military and firefighter honors will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at St. William's Catholic Church on St. Simons Island. Father John A. Keneally will officiate. Chief A.L. Thomas and Chief L.J. Stewart will also speak.

Burial will follow in Palmetto Cemetery.

Friends are invited to a reception in St. William's Parish Hall following the service.

Active pallbearers will be Brad Copeland, Bruce Dunham, Jack Freeman, Jim Lawrence, Bobby Putnam and Jim Wall.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Glynn County Fire Department, the St. Simons Island Volunteer Fire Department and the Brunswick Fire Department.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the home of Camille Penders, 522 Wesley Oaks Circle, St. Simons Island.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Simons Island Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 20836, St. Simons Island, GA 31522, or to the charity of your choice.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.