



Shelby Avery Gilstrap

October 11, 1937 - February 9, 2023

Shelby Gilstrap, 85, of Visalia, California passed away on Thursday, February 9th, 2023. Shelby was born on October 11, 1937 to Ted and Hazel Gilstrap. Shelby and his family would travel to Oregon every summer to pick berries in his adolescent and teen years. Shelby graduated from Visalia Union High School in 1956. He started working for Woolsworths while he was still in high school, shortly after graduating he became manager. He later changed careers and began working for Franey's Floor Covering in July of 1959. He continued working there as a salesman and later started installing drapes and blinds. Shelby retired from Franey's in 2008 just shy of his 50th anniversary with the company.

In 1960 he met his beautiful wife, Becky Hughes. They were married on March 9, 1963 and were blessed with 2 children. They would've been married 60 wonderful years next month. Shelby was a big part of the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church for many years, where he was an ordained Deacon. He had a love for Christ, and lived his life for Him everyday.

Shelby was preceded in death by his son Scott Gilstrap. He is survived by his wife, Becky Gilstrap, Daughter, Amy McHenry (Sean), Granddaughters, Brittini Steele (Chase), Emma McHenry, Scarlett McHenry. His great Grandchildren, Jack, Jett, and Harlow. Brother Floyd Gilstrap (Jeannette), Brother Alfred Gilstrap (Vickie), and numerous nieces & nephews.

Viewing will be held 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Sunday, March 5th, 2023 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Monday, March 6th, 2023 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Shelby Avery Gilstrap*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - March 01, 2023 at 02:29 PM

MM

What a beautiful tribute to Shelby and Becky truly beautiful people that loved the lord and their family thanks Brittany I know it must be hard during this time thoughts and prayers to your family love mike malone

mike malone - March 03, 2023 at 05:51 PM

BW

“ *Love & Prayers for all the family at this most difficult time. Shelby will always be remembered as a faithful, dependable, caring friend for 60 years. It was a real blessing being co-laborers with him in the church. Rest in peace my friend.*

Betty Watson - February 25, 2023 at 02:14 PM