



Gilbert F. "Gib" Besand

July 5, 1931 - March 28, 2025

Gilbert F. "Gib" Besand, 93, of Perryville, Missouri passed away early Friday morning, March 28, 2025 at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born July 5, 1931 in Perry County, MO to Bertrand Gilbert and Frances Ann (McCauley) Besand.

Gib and Myrna Rose Huber were married October 23, 1954 at the Church of the Assumption (St. Mary's of the Barrens) in Perryville. They were blessed with 70 years of marriage.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville.

Gib was a 1949 graduate of St. Vincent High School. He served in the United States Army as a forward artillery observer during the Korean Conflict. He was a third generation farmer and worked long and hard in the fields, but still found time to coach little league baseball and attend the sporting events of his children and grandchildren. Gib was a lifetime member of Knights of Columbus Council #1263, AmVets Post #94, and VFW Post #4282. He was also a member of the Western Catholic Union and a former member of the VFW Military Honor Guard Team.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Patricia (Larry) Klump; four sons, Joseph (Rebecca) Besand, Paul (Lisa) Besand, Thomas (fiancee Machele Crase) Besand, James (Karla) Besand all of Perry County, MO; brother, Kenneth Paul Besand of Perryville, MO; sister, Ruth Ann Basler of Perryville, MO; ten grandchildren, Jessica (Kenny) Naeger, Michael Besand, Anna (Ben) Parker, Brian Besand, Christopher (Jen) Besand, Courtney (Nick) Wren, Lacy (Jake) Russell, Luke Besand, Kelci (Joe) Hannan, Peyton (fiancee Sarah Kwast) Besand; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Rose Mary Besand, Mary Lou Kephart, Katherine Mary Sadler; and one brother, Clyde "Blackie" Besand.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, April 11, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville with a VFW Wake Service at 7:00 pm.

Visitation will continue from 9:00 am to 9:45 am on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Saturday, April 12, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Joe Geders, C.M. and Deacon Tom Schumer officiating.

Entombment will be in the Mary Queen of Heaven Mausoleum at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Military Honors will be provided by VFW Post #4282 and the Delta Team.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Vincent de Paul School Endowment Fund.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ford & Young Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Mary Queen of Heaven Mausoleum

Perryville, MO 63775

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 9:45 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Perryville)
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Funeral Mass

APR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Perryville)
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Myrna and all the Besand family, I am so very sorry to hear of Gib's passing. I remember his hearty laugh and as a man who loved his family and community. Sending my love and prayers for comfort for all of you at this difficult time.
Elaine Pinar

Elaine Pinar - April 02, 2025 at 02:18 PM

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“ Myrna, Pat & Larry & the Besand Family, I am very sorry for the loss of your loved one. May he rest in peace in the arms of Our Lord and may the Holy Spirit be with you during this difficult time. My thought and prayers are with you all.
Faye Amschler



Faye Amschler - April 01, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ I was lucky enough to call Gib a very good friend. There were many mornings when he came to see me at Schumers where I worked. I was almost always happy to visit with him & listen to his stories. I'd usually have to tell him I needed to get back to work. He was also, as is his whole family, a very good customer. Since I retired, I have missed those visits.
My love, thoughts & prayers to his family.

Sharon Moonier - April 01, 2025 at 12:09 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gilbert F. "Gib" Besand.*



March 31, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *Gib was one of my Dad's last friends before my Dad passed away. I was amazed at the age that Gib was years ago, that he asked me to re-do his wood splitting wedges. He was a great man.*

Mark Petzoldt - March 31, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gilbert F. "Gib" Besand.*

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“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Gilbert F. "Gib" Besand.*



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