



## Steven L Gilbert

June 19, 1958 - November 23, 2025

Steven L. Gilbert, devoted husband and father, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2025. Steve lived heroically with the debilitating effects of Parkinson's for 18 years, but it never daunted his loving spirit and sense of humor. Steve was a gentle giant and leaves a legacy of strength during trial, humor in hard times, and an enduring love of God, family, and ice cream. He was born June 19, 1958 in Roosevelt, Utah to Jack and Arlene Gilbert, and from his earliest years, worked hard on the family farm in Royal City, WA. At Royal High School he was Senior Class President, played football, and was a dare devil on his motorcycle.

He served a mission in New Zealand for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he loved the countryside which reminded him of home.

When he was 22, before leaving on a ski trip to Provo, Steve told his parents that he was going to Utah to find a wife. While skiing, he broke his knee and ended up in the hospital where, on the last day of his stay, he was assigned a beautiful nurse who stole his heart. He got her name from the hospital chart and tracked her down. One week after their first date, he proposed to Susan Taylor. They were sealed in the Salt Lake temple on June 25, 1980.

Steve had an enduring love of airplanes and earned his pilot's license soon after marrying. After graduating from Weber State with a degree in mechanical engineering, he worked for Boeing and helped build the 777 plane. A career shift took Steve and Sue back to the Royal Slope where they built a home and Steve sold advanced farming equipment. His love of planes continued and he

purchased his own plane, traveling with Sue all over the Northwest.

A dedicated family man, he attended hundreds of sporting events for his kids, rarely missing one. Returning home from business trips, he would often drive through the night to avoid one more night away from his family. Steve and Sue started a family business, Day Camp Crafts, to teach their kids the value of hard work, which the family operated for over 15 years. Countless memories were also made on the family boat at Lake Roosevelt.

Steve was known as a jack-of-all-trades, earning him the nickname "MacGyver" by family friends who were amazed when he used a gum wrapper to bypass a faulty breaker to turn the power on at a remote cabin. After Steve's diagnosis Sue was his angel caregiver and rarely left his side. Knowing that time was limited with Steve's health, they fit in many adventures including: an LDS mission to San Jose, trips to Guatemala, New Zealand, Jamaica, Hawaii, China, and countless trips to visit grandchildren.

Steve is survived by his eternal companion, Susan Gilbert, children, Angie Ward (Mark), Cory Gilbert (Lori), Dustin Gilbert (Jessica), and Brian Gilbert (Ashley), 18 grandchildren, brothers Lamar Gilbert (Pam), Rick Gilbert (Joan), and David Gilbert (Debbie). Preceded in death by his parents and his sister Wendy Fielding (Lynn).

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 12:00 PM at the Royal City, WA chapel. Family and friends may attend a viewing from 11:00-11:45 AM prior to the service. Interment will be at the Royal Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held December 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the LDS chapel on 1080 West Arlington Street Washington, Utah.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.kayseschapel.com](http://www.kayseschapel.com). Arrangements are under the care of Kayser's Chapel of Memoires.

# Cemetery Details

## Royal Memorial Gardens

900 Apple Ave NE  
Royal City, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Royal Camp Chapel  
357 Christensen Road Royal Camp  
Othello, WA

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Grandpa would delight our kids by making various animal sounds for them (cow, sheep, goat, chicken...) and have them guess which animal it was. They would look so startled when he first did this, and then would burst into giggles. Grandpa's animal sounds were very realistic!

Jessica Gilbert - December 02, 2025 at 11:08 AM

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Steve was the life of our parties, from backward dinners, teasing and telling jokes. Some of our favorites was hanging Christmas lights, butterfinger cards, skiing behind the boat, his testimony was so strong. Our family gatherings, and visiting as couples to various locations. He loved his family and they loved him. We cherish our memories and know we will see him again. Our love, prayers go out to Sue and the family. We send our hugs from Australia. Love, Elder Mike & Sister Barb Hammond

mike & Barb Hammond - December 05, 2025 at 07:18 PM

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“ 20 files added to the album Visits with Grandpa



Jessica Gilbert - December 01, 2025 at 11:59 PM