



## Gilbert J. Walzel

January 28, 1924 - February 5, 2018

Gilbert J. Walzel, 94, long-time resident of Needville, Texas passed away on February 5, 2018. He was born January 28, 1924 in Wallis, Texas to Ernest H. and Stephina (Hlavaty) Walzel. He graduated from Beasley High School and was a mechanic by trade. Gilbert was a past Shop Foreman at Rosenberg Ford and past owner of Walzel's Garage, Jeep Sales and Wrecker Service. His hobbies included hunting, traveling, ranching, and playing Dominoes. He and his wife of 73 years, the late Benita Walzel, enjoyed being members of the Needville, Rosenberg, Industry, Sealy and Wallis Dance Clubs. Gilbert was a past leader of Boy Scouts Troop #129 and the last surviving Charter Member of the Needville Chamber of Commerce – which was incorporated in October of 1957.

Gilbert was very active in the Needville Community and was a former member of The Needville Lions Club, 35 year member of the Needville Fire Department, long-time member of Immanuel Evangelical Church, Founding Member of the Live Oak Club, Director of Slavonic Mutual Insurance, S.P.J.S.T. Member and S.P.J.S.T. Hall Manager & special funds account manager for over 36 years. Gilbert was a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, Pappa, businessman, outdoorsman, mechanic, engineer and mentor to many and a friend to all.

In addition to his parents, Gilbert is preceded in death by his beloved wife of

73 years, Benita E. (Wieghat) Walzel; and siblings, Victor Walzel and Eleanor Haydon.

Survivors include his children, Curtis Walzel and wife, Cindy, Jed Walzel and wife, Pat, and Corlis Delling and CD Kalinowski; brother, Arthur Walzel and wife, Geri; grandchildren, Carrie Irey and husband, Gary, Michael Eason and wife, Whitney, Corey Walzel, Bradley Vallet and wife, Kathy, Jason Vallet and wife, Stephanie, Melissa Sanchez and husband, Jay; great grandchildren, MacKenzie & Hunter Neal, Lauren, Waverly & Gunner Irey, Briley, Mia and Braden Eason, Jackson Walzel, Dominick & Dylan Sanchez, Raegan & Wyatt Vallet, Timothy Long and wife, Brittany, and Justin Long and wife, Erin; great great grandchildren, Langston Long, and Jackson & Eli Long; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff and doctors at S.P.J.S.T. Rest Home in Needville and Houston Hospice of El Campo Staff for their dedicated care and support of Gilbert.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2018 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 10, 2018 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Burial will take place at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Pallbearers will include Bradley Vallet, Jason Vallet, Jay Sanchez, Corey Walzel, Mike Eason and Bobby Zwahr.

For those wishing, memorials may be made to Immanuel Evangelical Church in Needville.

Tributes and words of condolences may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## **Greenlawn Memorial Park**

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ Where can I start about growing up around Uncle Gilbert, Aunt Benita and cousins Curt, Jed and Corlis? Deer hunting in Texas? (Czech...er, Check). Elk hunting in Colorado? (Check). Being taught the game of "42"? ("You mean to tell me you don't have a different six?") ("Oops". Check). Showing our daughter Heather how to catch catfish? (Check). Helping me purchase a Jeep? (Check). Too many others to list? (Check, check, check, and check).

*Looking back, I recognize that Uncle Gilbert had a very unique mentoring style. On the outside he was frequently gruff and impatient, but on the inside beat a heart of gold. A man who loved his family, relatives, and friends. He will be missed.*

*Barbara, Jessica, Heather and myself offer sincere and heartfelt condolences to Curt and Cindy, Jed and Pat, Corlis and CD, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.*

*Brian Walzel*

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**Brian Walzel** - February 09, 2018 at 04:37 PM

JJ

“ Corlis - my condolences to you and your family. (((hugs)))

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**Judy Johnson** - February 08, 2018 at 04:32 PM

TD

“ Jed and Corlis, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Always respected both your parents. They will be sorely missed. God bless yall. Love, Terry Dudley

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**Terry Dudley** - February 07, 2018 at 11:34 AM

SW

*Corliss and family, my thoughts and remembrances.*

Sharon K. Wallingford - February 08, 2018 at 02:09 AM

GJ

“ I am thankful for many great memories over many years on many deer hunts in many places with "Gib", his brother Vic (my father-in-law), and his eldest brother, Art. Annette and I send our sincere condolences. Respectfully, George Sceets Jr.

George Sceets Jr - February 06, 2018 at 10:35 PM

CW

“ Charlie and Mary Alice Wise purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gilbert J. Walzel.



Charlie and Mary Alice Wise - February 06, 2018 at 07:05 PM

BS

“ Bill and I want to wish the family nothing but the best of prayers and thoughts. Benita and Gilbert were our late son's God-Parents and we could not have asked for better ones. Heaven has gained a true warrior!

Love,

Bill and Shelly Sullivan

Bill and Shelly Sullivan - February 06, 2018 at 11:30 AM

BS

*Curtis, Jed and Corlis , You Have our sympathy for the loss of your Dad. My God bring you peace and know that God has taken him to a better place! Jim and Barbara Sims*

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**Barbara Sims** - February 10, 2018 at 02:01 PM