



Gilbert Lee Porter

February 22, 1939 - May 30, 2021

Gilbert Lee Porter of Sandy Spring, Maryland departed this earthly world on May 30th, 2021. He was born on February 22, 1939, in Washington, DC to Gilbert L. Porter Sr. and Kathryn Lusby.

Gil was a father to two children, Craig Porter (Heather) and Suzanne Weiss (Charlie). Gil was proud of his four grandchildren Robert Porter (Sara), Molly Weiss, Jacob Weiss, and Amy Weiss. He was blessed with great grandchildren as well, Augustus "Gus" Porter and Giovanna Giampetroni. Gil began his professional career in drywall, then went on to become a builder/contractor in the Silver Spring area. Many of the housing developments around Cloverly, Sandy Spring, and Silver Spring/Spencerville boast his custom touches in the sections that he built. After attending the 1963 Washington International Horse Show in DC, Gil was impressed by the cutting of horseman Sonny Perry and took up the sport. In addition to several wins in the novice and non-pro cutting competitions, his horses were also bred to be champions. His beloved War China and Chopsticks were winning horses that are interred on his farm, in addition to Magic Molly who still resides there.

Gil was a hard-driving, taskmaster who loved to make the rules. He lived by his day planner and once you were in it, you better be ready. He made time regularly to dine out with high school friends who stuck by him for over 60 years. Nearly everyone that met him has a "Gil story" they can tell, many of

which clearly define his hard nature, sense of humor, or love of horses.

When he wasn't riding or driving around supervising, Gil was eager to spend time with his family and friends. He loved dining out and knew the best places for salmon, steaks and the like...and where to grab a quick McMuffin for him and his beloved dog Scooter. After his stroke, we sometimes saw a kinder, gentler Gil, but he never let anyone forget who was the boss. He challenged his caregivers, got kicked out of a facility or two, and demanded satisfaction at every turn. But most of all he was a survivor. He used up his 9 lives and then some; from plane crashes, aneurysms, to being thrown by horses, to nicked lungs and blood clots and strokes and Covid...he fought to the very end, and a more determined man you are not likely to find. Imposing in both stature and personality, Gil left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Wow, so sorry to see this. My wife and I spent several years taking care of the 130 Acre farm in the early to mid 80's and all the horses there, we ran 50-60 head of cattle to use for cutting drills. Often wondered what became of him after we left the farm. Exchange Christmas cards for years but they stopped, now I see it was due to his stroke.
Rest my old friend.
Michael / Debbie Tini
Altoona Pa.

Michael Tini - January 30, 2023 at 05:56 PM

TD

“ I am so very sorry to see that Gil passed away. He was the first person to put me on a cutting horse, and that was a lifetime gift. He was a true horseman. He has my deepest respect for his knowledge of cutting, and my gratitude for sharing his horses as I learned.

Tana Davis - August 02, 2021 at 03:11 PM

SB

“ I am a high school classmate of Gil's and worked for him as bookkeeper in the 1980's at his farm. He was in a wheelchair at our 60th class reunion. Sandy Butler

Sandy Butler - July 25, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ I work for Gil and graduate with him from BHS. And I work for him as a bookkeeper in Brookville, MD

Sandy Butler - July 12, 2021 at 05:30 PM

HP

“ Great rendition of Chopsticks and Gil.

Heather Porter - June 14, 2021 at 01:01 PM