



## Asa "Jack" Gilson

April 18, 1928 - April 4, 2016

Asa "Jack" Gilson, 87, of Benton Harbor died Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, April 30, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor. Cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Jack was born on April 18, 1928 in Martin City, MO. He married his wife, Christina, in 1947 and she preceded him in death in 2003. Together they celebrated 56 years of marriage. He was a teamster and member of Teamsters Local #7. Jack retired in 1987 after over 20 years of employment at Associated Truck Lines. He was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. He enjoyed working on cars and going to lunch with his friends. After retirement he was a handyman for many of his friends in the local area. Jack was a loving and caring individual who always had a smile on his face. His pride and joy were his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He leaves behind his children, Ernie (Sally) Gilson of Coloma, Ellen (Bob) Koning of Galesburg, and Joann (Leroy) Melvin of Watervliet; his 10 grandchildren and his 16 great grandchildren. He also leaves special friends,

Dave and Katie O'Dovonan, Pam Burger, and Pat Frapolone.

## Cemetery Details

Cremation has taken place

## Previous Events

### Service Celebrating His Life

APR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1965 Broadway  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

# Tribute Wall

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“*Judith Mckiney lit a candle in memory of Asa "Jack" Gilson*



judith mckiney - April 20, 2016 at 05:36 PM

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“*Condolences to the Gilson family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Williams Family - April 20, 2016 at 11:10 AM

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“*To all the family, sending heartfelt and healing wishes. Being a great niece by marriage, Uncle Jack always treated Tom and I, with much kindness, care, and included us like real family. He is a sweet man that has left me with fond memories and life lessons. Heaven has a new angel.*



terry - April 19, 2016 at 06:13 PM

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“*Oh how I've loved you my dear friend. I'm so glad we spoke on Sunday. Prayers for the whole family. He really was my true friend and I will miss him.  
Love and hugs.  
Lorrie McKinney (housekeeper and friend)*

lorrie - April 07, 2016 at 03:38 PM

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“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to all. Jack was my mothers cousin. (Carolyn). We loved him dearly. He will be greatly missed.*



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**Rhonda Stilwell** - April 06, 2016 at 08:57 PM

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“ *Deepest sympathy ...our thoughts & prayers are with you. Jack was a true blessing to all that knew him...he will be dearly missed.*



*Heidi M. Fortner-Coombs*

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**Heidi Fortner-Coombs** - April 06, 2016 at 07:58 PM

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*"Asa always called us his "Angel", and he is now our "Special Angel in Heaven".*

*Carol Flautt*

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**Carol Flautt** - April 07, 2016 at 08:50 PM