



## Gil Blakely

April 19, 1932 - February 20, 2021

Gilbert Bennett Blakely, II, 88, passed away February 20, 2021 at his home in Loganville, Georgia, after a short illness.

Mr. Blakely was born in April 1932 in Clinton, South Carolina, to Gilbert and Myrtle Blakely. He grew up in Clinton, then graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration.

He worked throughout his life as a business owner and operator, running retail and commercial enterprises in cleaning services and real estate. His early career included work in various roles for the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad based out of Washington, D.C. and Florida. Prior to that, Mr. Blakely served honorably as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps stationed at Camp Pendleton, California.

He lived most of his life in Atlanta, but also lived and enjoyed spending time in Cape Canaveral and Cocoa Beach areas in Florida. He was a member and dedicated volunteer at several Baptist and Methodist churches throughout his life. He was committed to his family and making his community a better place.

Mr. Blakely is survived by his wife of 22 years, Mary Vickers Blakely; son G. Bennett Blakely of Columbia, Missouri; daughters Allison Kurpius (David) of Columbia, Missouri, and Susan Blakely (Sherry Siclair) of Decatur, Georgia; step-daughter Nancy Hightower (Kenneth) of Monroe, Georgia; three grandchildren Blake and John Kurpius of Columbia, Missouri and Brandon Hightower (McKenzie) of Social Circle, Georgia; and a sister, Louise Wood (Jim) of Clemson, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Skenes of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Announcements for services will be made at a later date.

Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Gil Blakely*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *We are very saddened to read of Gil's passing. Gil and Mary were wonderful next door neighbor's to my Mom for many years. Gil took it upon himself to continually help Mom with daily items like picking up the paper or mail, bringing over homemade delicious treats from Mary's kitchen, and to check in on Mom. When Mom had a terrible fall, he was there to help. Such wonderful people and neighbors. Gil and Mary helped us celebrate Mom's 90th birthday, and they did it with such southern hospitality. Thank you Gil for your full support. And to our wonderful Mary, thank you for your kindness, care, and compassion over the years. We couldn't have been any luckier to have the two of you as next door neighbors to Mom. We share your grief in learning of the passing of a great man and human being. Love and Hugs from us in the Chicago area.*

*Michael Trinker and Greg Moran*

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**Greg Moran** - April 10, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Gil was a great man and faced life with a smile. He charmed everyone he met and raised three amazing humans. He was a gentle soul, a kind and interesting man who spread humor and joy. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. My deepest sympathy to Allison, Ben, Susan and Mary. I will miss him very much.*

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**Sherry Siclair** - March 06, 2021 at 01:13 PM