



## Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.

January 3, 1935 - September 18, 2015

Days is done, God is nigh, was what Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert, Sr. age 80 of Jewell Ridge felt as he finished a day of mowing and weed eating and took a seat on his porch to rest a bit and discuss the Bible with some visitors on Friday, September 18, 2015. After a nice Biblical discussion, he wished his visitors well as they left, and with a sigh of contentment he drew his last breath here upon this earth.

Rufus was born in Jewell Ridge, Virginia and was the son of the late, Clarence Perry Gilbert and Chloe Delle Arnold Gilbert. He served his country in the US Army and came home to work in the coalmines and coal tipples. He was Pastor of the Free Pentecostal Church of Murray Hollow for over 40 years, and like a stone that is cast into the water, his rippling effects on the lives of those he touched will last throughout the years. Rufus enjoyed being a bee keeper, he was well known for his delicious honey. He spent time fishing, hunting and working outdoors. God gifted him with a woodworkers hand, he could mold wood into beautiful furniture or just about anything else. But this passion and joy was his family, he was a wonderful father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was a lifetime resident of the area and will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents he will be greeted in heaven by his loving wife, Shirley T. Alley Gilbert, and his brothers, Cecil Gilbert, Freddie Gilbert and Bill Gilbert.

Those who remain to carry on his spirit are:

His daughters:

Vicki Gilbert of Jewell Ridge, VA

Debbie Bush and husband Randy of Castlewood, VA

Connie Holmes and husband Scott of Lebanon, VA

Sons:

Michael Gilbert and wife Barbara of Jewell Ridge, VA

Rufus Gilbert, Jr and wife Tina of Richlands, VA

Timothy Gilbert of Claypool Hill, VA

Mark Gilbert of Jewell Ridge, VA

Sister, Judy Vincill of Thompson Valley, VA

Brothers:

David Gilbert of Tennessee

Wayne Gilbert of Jewell Ridge, VA

Grandchildren, Paige Gilbert Green, Sydney Gilbert, Sara Gilbert Price, Adam Gilbert, Matthew Gilbert, Alex Gilbert, Clay Gilbert and Jeffrey Holmes. Great grandchildren, Adalynn Gilbert, Isabella Green and Hoytt Price.

The Funeral service for Rufus E. Gilbert, Sr. will be conducted at 2:00pm on Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Leon O'Quinn and Rev. Dennis White officiating.

Interment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, VA.

Pallbearers will be Chris Alley, Matthew Gilbert, Eric Barton, Doug Sargent, Doug Shepard, and Brandon Green. The family will receive friends on Sunday evening from 6-9 pm. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the conducted by the VFW Post 9640.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of local arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **21.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss! I have good memories of attending church with Brother Gilbert, Sister Gilbert, and the whole family. May God give your family comfort; and peace during this sad time. Lynna (Brown ) and Mark Breedlove*



**Mark and Lynna Breedlove** - September 21, 2015 at 06:47 PM



“ *a large chestnut tree stands in our yard that Pastor Gilbert gave Buddy to plant when he and his beautiful family joined our family for Sunday dinner after church years ago. We remember him even more now and that beautiful day. May God bless and comfort his precious family; I know he will, because he loves them so very much. Pastor Gilbert and a lot of his sermons still whispers in my heart ; God will never leave us or forsake us; all these years i found that is so true. Even when our loved ones go to be with the Lord he comforts us. He was a wonderful friend and Man of GOD Love and Prayers Carol May*

**Carol May** - September 21, 2015 at 05:27 PM

TM

“ Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - September 21, 2015 at 10:04 AM

BM

“ ( To the Gilbert Family) Our deepest sympathy extended to your family,s. Nook is at rest now. Buddy & Carol May

Buddy May - September 21, 2015 at 08:08 AM

KL

“ To the Gilbert Family. Sorry for your loss!



Karen and Ed Lester - September 21, 2015 at 07:49 AM

GF

“ Garson&caol Whitt Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.



garson&caol whitt family - September 21, 2015 at 07:27 AM

BR

“ *Debbie,*

*Our deepest sympathy we extend to you and your family.*

*Terry & Bobbie Ray*



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**Bobbie Ray** - September 20, 2015 at 08:31 PM

JC

“ *Jewell Ridge Church Of God Congregation sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*



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**Jewell Ridge Church of God Congregation** - September 20, 2015 at 12:15 PM



“ *Stephanie Altizer sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*



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**Stephanie Altizer** - September 20, 2015 at 10:04 AM

BV

“ *BECKY AND BO VANDYKE lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*



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**BECKY AND BO VANDYKE** - September 20, 2015 at 10:02 AM

BV

*So sorry Tim and family for the loss of your Dad. I remember when your loving Mother was in the hospital. I know you all are so close.*

**BECKY AND BO VANDYKE** - September 20, 2015 at 10:07 AM

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“ *Stephanie "gilbert"Altizer lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*



**Stephanie "gilbert"Altizer** - September 20, 2015 at 10:01 AM

DH

“ *DENISE HAL lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*



**DENISE HAL** - September 20, 2015 at 08:14 AM

DH

*SO SORRY WAYNE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR BROTHER PASSING AWAY MAY GOD COMFORT THE FAMILY GOD BLESS YOU ALL*

**DENISE HAL** - September 20, 2015 at 08:16 AM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*



**Leroy Nelson** - September 19, 2015 at 08:50 PM



“ Harrison Street lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.



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**Harrison Street** - September 19, 2015 at 05:58 PM



“ So sorry to hear Rufus passed away....Prayers for the entire Gilbert family



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**Rick Gilbert** - September 19, 2015 at 04:57 PM



“ Norma Jewell Richardson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.



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**Norma Jewell Richardson** - September 19, 2015 at 04:35 PM



*Rufus Jr. and Tina, it is with great sorrow to read of Pastor Gilberts passing. Oh what a day of rejoicing he and his loved ones gone on before must be having. I pray God will give you and the entire family the much needed strength to endure the days to come. Rest assured in knowing your Dad is now reaping the reward he has strived for during his life on this earth. If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me.*

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**Norma Jewell Richardson** - September 19, 2015 at 04:42 PM

CB

“ *Curt Kay Brown lit a candle in memory of  
Pastor Rufus Edward "Nook" Gilbert Sr.*



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**curt kay brown** - September 19, 2015 at 03:16 PM