



## Donald E. Gilding, Sr.

October 18, 1934 - June 18, 2016

Donald E. Gilding

Donald (Don) E. Gilding of Clarkdale, Arizona formerly of Grand Ledge was born October 18, 1934, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2016 in Cottonwood, Arizona after a very long health battle.

Mr. Gilding was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Thelma (Watts) Gilding and second wife, Jean (Simpon) Gilding.

Mr. Gilding is survived by his wife Lela Gilding of Arizona, son Donald (Rhonda) Gilding of Lake Odessa, daughters Julia (Gary) Tefft of Grand Ledge and Donna (Scott) Nicewander of Wellston. Mr. Gilding is further survived by step children Margaret (Jim) Griffin of Colorado, Richard (Tina) Schmal of Arizona and Daniel Jones also of Arizona. Mr. Gilding has several Grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Gilding was a State of Michigan retiree. He served the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget and was the supervisor of the State Carpentry Shop. He was a magnificent carpenter and an even better cabinet maker.

Don, in years past enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and most of all just

spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and father. Further, Don was a Life Member of the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48.

A Graveside service with military honors will be conducted Thursday, June 30th, 2016, 11am at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge Michigan with Pastor Chuck Foerster, officiating. Services will be provided by Holihan-Atkin- Barclay Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Memorial contributions, in Don's memory may be made to the American Legion Cole-Briggs Post 48 Memorial Honor Guard, 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837. Contributions may be given through the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Service

**JUN 30.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

HE

“ *Don, Rhonda & family,  
I am so very sorry about Mr. Gilding I know he was a wonderful  
man. Keep your memories close in your heart forever. You all are in  
my thoughts and prayers, I love you guys.*

---

**Helen** - July 01, 2016 at 07:58 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lou purchased the Country Basket Blooms  
for the family of Donald E. Gilding, Sr..*



---

**Mary Lou** - June 25, 2016 at 08:21 PM