

## Melvin Warren Gilbert

October 11, 1937 - February 7, 2024

Graveside service for Melvin Warren 'Mel' Gilbert, age 86, of Saint Jo was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Starkey Cemetery in Montague County, Texas. The funeral was led by Minister Frank Johnson, one of Mel's many customers turned friends. Pallbearers were Don Thomas, Trey Wilkins, Brian Wolf, Steve Gillis, Andrew Grey, and Keith Brookshire. Visitations were held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, February 9, 2024 and from 12:00-1:45 PM on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Scott Funeral Home in Saint Jo.

Mel was born on October 11, 1937 in Point, Texas to Lola Bell Anderson and Willie Warren Gilbert. He passed from this world on February 7, 2024.

Mel enjoyed working and had various careers throughout his life including as an installer for Lone Star Gas, a Dallas Police Officer, and a 3M Salesman. Covering four states, Mel sold diamonds and solid jewelry for Town and Country Jewelry.

In 1968, Mel met the love of his life, Lois Doshier. They were married on May 3, 1969 in Lone Oak. Together, they traveled as Mel sold Jewelry.

After many years of various sales, Mel found his niche buying and selling over salvage and distressed freight. Mel created Gilbert Enterprises in Dallas, Texas where he and his family operated a wholesale warehouse selling to other salvage dealers from all over the area for nearly 50 years. They operated retail locations in Loan Oak, Point, Balch Springs, Garland, and Saint Jo. Mel dedicated 35 years to Gilbert's Freight Outlet off Highway 82 in

Saint Jo.

Due to age and health issues, Mel downsized by operating Mel's Knife Shop. He sold knives, sharpeners, and custom hand tooled leather works.

Mel's sense of humor will be remembered fondly. On his childhood report cards, he got an 'a' for attitude. Mel enjoyed bartering with customers, who almost always became friends.

He loved traveling, riding motorcycles, and farming. Mel was a self-taught man who enjoyed collecting, history, and great conversation with family and friends. He also loved anything old west and watching the show "Gun Smoke".

Mel was preceded in death by his parents: Lola Anderson and Willie Gilbert; sister: Arnice Earnhart; and grandson: Brady Watson.

He is survived by his wife: Lois Gilbert; sons: Todd and wife Rachel Gilbert, and Wayne and wife Kaye Gilbert; grandchildren: Heather Gilbert, Holli Gilbert, and Matthew Gilbert; great grandchildren: Hayden Gilbert, and Henley Gilbert; and numerous extended family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Starkey Cemetery

Saint Jo, TX 76265

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Scott Funeral Home -Saint Jo  
200 North Broad Street  
Saint Jo, TX 76265  
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## Visitation

FEB **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

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FEB 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Starkey Cemetery  
Saint Jo, TX 76265

*WEATHER PERMITTING. If it is raining, we will have the service at the funeral home at 2:00 PM*

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am late finding out about Mel's passing. It's difficult to find the words to summarize what a unique, kind, and awesome man he truly was. So thankful to have known him though it was not long enough. First met him and his sweet wife back in 2019 at their store. Instantly felt a connection and bond with them both. I have greatly missed being able to stop in at the knife shop to see Mel and of course Lois also. He had such a wealth of knowledge. Like I once told a new female customer of his at the knife shop, that guy (Mel) is the best salesman in Montague County. It's the truth. I miss you a lot Mel.

Joel Cates - August 29, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MA

“ Melvin, I will always have you in my heart. Will see you in Heaven. Your loving sister, Arnell and brother-law Gerald Hodges.

Mary - February 15, 2024 at 08:18 PM

GH

Mary and I met in 1962 and spent time with him at there home before I left for Germany. I came home in 1964 and we married at Mel's house. Spent deer hunting and other times with him. He was my last brother-in-law. Wish we could have been mentioned as living survivors, M ary was his youngest sister, it would have been a honor. I remember us waving by on the night of the 5th before he passed when we visited.

Gerald W. Hodges - February 23, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JE

“ Uncle Melvin was one of a kind! Great big heart, and soul! Will be dearly missed by a bunch, but will never be forgotten!!! My prayers are going out to y'all Todd, Rachel, and my Aunt Lois! Love y'all bunches!

Jonathan Earnhart - February 09, 2024 at 01:55 PM

AR

“ Alvis and Eddy Rene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Warren Gilbert.

Alvis and Eddy Rene - February 09, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.



February 09, 2024 at 01:05 PM

IP

“ Indian Ind, Ind. Rubber, Polymer Product planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Warren Gilbert.

Indian Ind, Ind. Rubber, Polymer Product - February 09, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.*



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February 09, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Chrystal Grisolia** - February 09, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Heather Gilbert** - February 09, 2024 at 03:52 AM



“ *Stacey and Cookie purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.*



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**Stacey and Cookie** - February 08, 2024 at 07:40 PM

CC

“ Clay and Catherine Crudup planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Warren Gilbert.

Clay and Catherine Crudup - February 08, 2024 at 06:31 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.



February 08, 2024 at 06:31 PM

SC

“ Steve and Laura Crudup purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.



Steve and Laura Crudup - February 08, 2024 at 06:19 PM

DR

“ Dena and Eli Rivera purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.



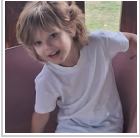
Dena and Eli Rivera - February 08, 2024 at 06:18 PM

BH

“ Bobby and Jeanie Hart purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.



Bobby and Jeanie Hart - February 08, 2024 at 06:05 PM



“ Sending my deepest condolences and love to Lois and family. Mel will be missed 😭



Martha Stelly - February 08, 2024 at 05:27 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chrystal - February 08, 2024 at 02:07 PM

CF

“ Chrystal & Family lit a candle in memory of Melvin Warren Gilbert



Chrystal & Family - February 08, 2024 at 01:30 PM

CH

*With deepest sympathy and condolences to my extended family . My Uncle Melvin was the BEST. His quick wit and loving heart will never be forgotten. Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever. I will always cherish each and every memory I have of him. Love all of you !*

**Chrystal** - February 08, 2024 at 01:54 PM

CW

*“ What a wonderful loving memory Mel leaves behind, many prayers and much love to Lois, Todd & Rachel. Love you guys*

**Cheryl Welsh** - February 08, 2024 at 12:24 PM

KF

*“ Kay and the Paducah Gilbert family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Warren Gilbert.*

**Kay and the Paducah Gilbert family.** - February 07, 2024 at 06:43 PM



*“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Warren Gilbert.*



February 07, 2024 at 06:43 PM

SR

*“ Prayers for Lois and the family.. sending prayers and love. Sending my deepest condolences.. he was definitely one of a kind. Love ya*

**Steve and Kay Roberts** - February 07, 2024 at 06:25 PM