

## Gus Gilderbloom

Gus Gilderbloom died Sept. 27, 2010, in Sun City Center, Florida

Gus Gilderbloom was born in a sod house in Cope, Colo., on June 9, 1916, the third of three sons. He spent his early years growing up and attending school in Oskaloosa, Iowa, graduating from Oskaloosa High School at the age of 16 in 1933.

He tried his hand at many occupations; selling shoes, working in construction, serving in the army and making dentures as a dental technician. He lived in California then moved back to Oskaloosa in 1950 where he established Bloom Builders, a successful barn-building company. Gus served as a city councilman and was on the board of directors for Mahaska State Bank. He was an enthusiastic Rotarian. In 1978, he sold his business and retired to Florida. During retirement he enjoyed scuba diving around the world with his wife Jean. He played tennis at every opportunity, flew his plane and took up the violin again, playing in local orchestras.

Gus considered his friends and family as the most precious treasures in his life. He will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Edith Bowman Gilderbloom, his father, Murray Edward Gilderbloom\*, his brothers, Murray and John and his first wife, Mary.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jean, his sons Mark (Sue) and Tim, and his daughter Martha Russ).

He will be missed by his five granddaughters: Shanda Mitchell (Ron), Beth Piccirilli (Paul), Mary Ann Wall, Jessica Morin (Eric), and Nancy Wall

He also leaves behind five great-grandchildren: Colin Mitchell, Maddie Mitchell, Angelina Piccirilli, Jake Piccirilli, and Grant Morin.

No service is planned. Remembrances may be made to Southeastern Guide Dogs, 4210 77th St. East, Palmetto, Florida 34221.

\*Murray Edward Gilderbloom was born 26 Nov 1886 in Pella, Iowa and died abt Oct 1973 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co, Iowa.

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