



## Gilbert Keith Ridout

May 4, 1930 - October 31, 2014

Obituary Gilbert "Gib" K. Ridout May 4, 1930 October 31, 2014 Gilbert K. Ridout died October 31st, at Peace Health Center in Vancouver, Washington. He was 84 years old. He was born in Portland, Oregon to Josephine Burchell and Thomas "Tommy" Ridout. He served in the U.S. Navy as a meteorologist, attended Oregon State University, married and raised four daughters. He joined the Longshoreman's Union and worked as a Checker until he retired. He remarried Sylvia Rogers Ward, and relocated to Vancouver, Washington, where he lived with his loving wife of 38 years until he passed. He became a good friend and father to her six children. As a young man, he worked for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and the American Heart Association. Gib was a charismatic and intelligent man, a gifted artist and storyteller. He loved practical jokes, knew hundreds of funny stories and kept his friends and family entertained whenever they got together. Gib enjoyed spending time with his best friend and wife, Sylvia. They played cards and Yahtzee every evening, competing in spirited, but good fun - keeping track of the score until New Year's Eve each year. Sylvia always won, much to Gib's good natured chagrin. Gib enjoyed good conversation and could talk to anyone, anywhere. He had a deep love for Hawaii, which began when he was stationed there while serving in the Navy. He and Sylvia visited there frequently. Gib was an active member of the "40 et 8", a special branch of the American Legion. He served as "Chef du Guerre" and made lifelong friends there. He was past Commander of the PAMC/Vancouver Division of the Veterans of the United States of America and

was a member of the Afifi Shrine and the Mt. Hood Masonic Lodge #32. Gib was a deeply spiritual man, and attended St. Mark's Anglican and later Grace Memorial Episcopal. He and his wife worshipped at Vancouver Church of God for many years and recently began enjoying services at Memorial Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Washington. Gib Ridout is survived by his wife, Sylvia, his sister, June, stepsons Rick Ward and Jay Ward, stepdaughters Gayle Ward, Julie Beatty and Wendy Ward and daughters Joan Ridout Ayala, Jan Ridout Schilder and Marti Ridout. He was preceded in death by stepson Kim Ward and daughter, Marci Ridout. He had 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, Washington on November 13th at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the "40 et 8" Nurse's Scholarship Fund. All are welcome to attend.

# Tribute Wall



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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ Just saw this, so sorry to read about Gib's passing.

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**Mike Stewart** - August 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ To Gib, We will miss you deeply as you were a part of my life the last 37 years. You gave much love and support to our family. I was honored and blessed to have you for my father-in-law and for our children to have you for their Grandpa! Thanks for the memories..Forever love you, Karen

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**Karen L. Ward** - November 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I can't believe you are gone...in my mind I still see you strong and healthy, fair and forgiving, funny and brilliant, patient and kind, helpful and intelligent, the person I would have to call if I was stuck on a question on a game show, because you knew about EVERYTHING, wars and cultures and religion and social issues and citizens rights and responsibilities, and knowledge of neverending trivia...the only person ive ever known who could finish the New York Times crossword puzzle, and did, on a daily basis.I see you as a hero that could right any wrong, and did, many, many times.If I have compassion, its because of you...I was blessed to be your daughter. I love you and will miss you so much until the day we sre all reunited in heaven...I had it in my head that you would be here forever,Dad and I hate it that you are gone; my world feels off its axis without you in it...rest in peace, my sweet and beloved father...I love you so much.

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**Jan Ridout Schilder** - November 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My father was a brilliant, funny, charismatic man. My heart and mind are full of memories of holidays, visits and family. I will miss him so much.

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**Joan Ridout Ayala** - November 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ My grandfather was such a loving and supportive man. He always had kind and encouraging words for me. He was one of the few people who made me feel beautiful and smart every day and he played a major role in my success. I will be forever grateful that I had this great man as grandpa. Eternal love from your Xena warrior princess.

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**Heidi M Ward** - November 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *I had the privilege to call this kind and loving man my Father-in-law for 10 years. You will me missed but forever in my happiest memories. Much love.*

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**Brenda Ward** - November 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM