



Rev. Gilbert Mata

March 7, 1923 - December 14, 2012

Rev. Gilbert Mata, 89, of Anderson, passed away on December 14, 2012 at the Meadowbrooke Rehabilitation Center & Suites in Anderson. He was born on March 7, 1923 in Seguin, Texas and resided most of his life in Anderson. He was a retired machinist from GM. He has pastored since the 1950's in many churches from Indiana, Tennessee, and Alabama. He enjoyed preaching, fishing, camping and most of all his family. Gilbert served his country in the U.S. Army during W.W. II. Gilbert is survived by his loving spouse whom he married September of 1991 Mildred Hallaway Mata, daughters, Carolyn Eugene Keller, Angela Mata, step-son, Tony Jennifer Key, step-daughter, Jeanette Mark Saichuck, and brother, Carlos Pauline Mata. Grandchildren, Daniel, Suzanna, Paula, Michael, Ashley, Bryan, Matthew, Jessica, Nicole, Megan, and Jonathan and 11 great-grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by first wife, Alice Key Mata, parents, Fred & Josephina Lozano Mata, sons, Gilbert Jr. & Jerry David Mata, daughter-in-law Cindy Mata and stepson, Gary Key. Visitation will be held Tuesday, December 18, 2012 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St., Anderson. Services will be Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at 1:00 pm at the funeral home with the Rev. Oliver McCowan officiating. Burial will take place in Grovelawn Cemetery, Pendleton with military rites conducted by V.F.W. Post 266. Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association. www.loosecares.com

Tribute Wall

DK

“*Gilbert was a beloved uncle. He was a man of family and faith. My sympathies to all his family, especially Angie and Carolyn. -- Dan*

Daniel Lee Key - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“*On behalf of The Hospice Group, I would like to extend my sympathy to the family of Mr. Mata. Our thanks to you for the privilege of having the opportunity to assist in his care in his final days.*

Cindy Davis, MSW, LCSW Social Worker at The Hospice Group - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“*To Carolyn & Angie my heart aches with you. Our families were so close but have been seperated but we still think of you all. May you be comforted knowing your dad & mom are together again and rejoicing with the Lord & their friends. God bless you both.*

John & Brenda Gentry - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“*Sorry, to hear about Bro. Gilbert. My prayers to the family. I will always remember the church services we shared together. God be with you all.*

Mrs. Ruth Simmons - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *My prayers to the family. Carloyn & Angie I remember the times we shared living in Belmont. My heart goes out to you. May the Lord comfort you and bless you.*

Billie Simmons Paige - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to your family. Lots of wonderful memories when he was my pastor. He has finally reached Heaven's shore that he so longed for.*

Helen Cravens Huntzinger - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Very sorry to hear of his passing, Me and Brenda was the 2nd. people he married Oct. 24th. 1968*

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson - December 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ *We snd out love an prayers to all the family during this time of loss. Gilbert meant alot to us over the years. from him preaching a good service to bringing us tomales. many many memoris are cherished dearly. "HE WAS HOMESICK FOR HEAVEN and HE HAD A LONGING TO GO.*

The Vaughn - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *So many great memories of Gilbert, an my dad preaching when we lived in Anderson.. I know they are shouting up there now!!!!*

Robin Palk - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM