



## Dale William Gifford

May 17, 1949 - December 18, 2019

Dale W. Gifford, 70, of Camillus passed away unexpectedly Wednesday surrounded by family. Born in Deposit, NY, he graduated from Cornell University in 1971 with a Bachelors degree in General Agriculture. He then went on to serve in the US Army for 2 years before completing both a Bachelors degree in History and a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from SUNY Oneonta. Dale worked as a Counseling Psychologist for the US Department of Veterans Affairs in Syracuse, retiring in 2009. Following his retirement he worked for VR&E Services for Veterans until his untimely death. He loved sports and worked for the West Genesee Athletic Department. Dale was also coach for the Camillus Youth Basketball Association and the Western Onondaga Youth Soccer Association, having also served as a past President. He was most proud of coaching and being present for his children's sporting events. He enjoyed biking and walking on the Erie Canal, was an avid reader and most of all loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his brother Thomas Rex Gifford (2009) and his nephew Duane Thomas Gifford (2008).

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Susan M. (Clark); daughters Carrienne (Kenneth) Kirby III of Camillus, Melinda Gifford of Camillus, and Amber Gifford of Camillus; son Andrew (Jaclyn) Gifford of East Islip; brother Terry V. (Ann) Gifford of Ithaca; sister-in-law Sharon Gifford of Masonville; four grandchildren

Karisa Kirby, Kenneth Andrew Kirby IV, Ella Gifford and Lucy Gifford; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the Neuroscience ICU at Crouse Hospital for their excellent care and compassion.

Calling hours will be 1 - 3pm and 5 - 7:30pm on Friday, December 20 at B. L. Bush and Sons, 10 Genesee Street, Camillus. Services with military honors will also be held at the funeral home Saturday, December 21 at 10am.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Syracuse DAV- Transport, c/o VAMC, 800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210 or the American Diabetes Association, 5 Pine West Plaza, Suite 505, Albany, New York 12205

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
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DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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## Service

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale William Gifford*



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**B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments** - December 21, 2019 at 01:18 PM

JT

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathies on the passing of Dale. Known to us a guy with a big heart, a great sense of humor and an unwavering cool, calm and collected demeanor, Dale made us all feel genuinely glad to be in his presence. And that shy - sly smile of his was the tip off that something hilarious was about to be occur. May his family find peace knowing just how much he was admired.*

*Jim & Sue Tobey Rising Sun, Md.*

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**Jim & Sue Tobey** - February 20, 2020 at 10:16 AM

HS

“ I just learned today that Dale passed away in December. I worked with Dale for almost 20 year. He with the VA and I with the DAV. We had lunch together daily and shared our love of family and other things. He was always there with an ear for listening and for helping a friend in need. Sadly, after my retirement from DAV in 2003, we lost touch until a lunch meeting several years ago. He was a kind and decent man who loved his family dearly. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. My deepest condolences to the family. Rest in Peace My Friend.  
Harry Schultz

Harry Schultz - February 06, 2020 at 08:37 PM

NM

“ Dear Susan and family - I am so sorry to hear of this great loss. Prayers for you all.

Sincerely, Nancy Muldoon

Nancy Muldoon - December 21, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - December 21, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale William Gifford.*



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December 20, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ *Such a shock! I got to meet and know Dale back when he was the President of WOYSA and got to really know him even more the last 14 years as Dale and I got to watch the West Genny Wildcats take the soccer field from the booth. We had some great laughs and conversations about everything from the weather, our jobs, politics, soccer, our kids and especially our grandchildren. I will look back on those days very fondly and when the 2020 soccer season starts it will not be the same without Dale.*  
*Our sincere condolences to all the Gifford family.*

*Michael & Kristyn Solamon*

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**Michael Solamon** - December 19, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Dale. He was truly an asset to the Camillus area and we are very happy to have known him through soccer and our kids going to school together. Our thoughts will be with all of you in the coming weeks.*

*Tom and Kathy Bebee*

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**Tom and Kathy Bebee** - December 19, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale William Gifford.*



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December 19, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale William Gifford.*



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December 19, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ *I want to send my deepest sympathies and prayers to Sue and the rest of the Gifford family. I had the pleasure of not only serving with Dale on the WOYSA Board but also competing against his teams on the field. I say "competing" but even though we were very respectable, we were never really that competitive with Dale's teams.*

*I learned a lot from Dale and following his lead into travel soccer led me to many of the most rewarding and worthwhile moments of my life. To borrow Doreen Bronchetti's phrase, he was a kind, good man. May he rest in peace.*

*Greg Thornton*

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**Greg Thornton** - December 19, 2019 at 02:07 PM

JM

“ *Mr. Gifford was one hell of a soccer coach. Playing for him and the Camillus Bombers were some of the best times of my life. Thoughts and prayers to the Gifford Family.*

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**Jimmy Mullaley** - December 19, 2019 at 12:44 PM

DB

“ *We send our sincere sympathy to Dale's family! He was a kind, good man! The WOYSA soccer league benefitted from his dedication to the sport. We are keeping you all in thought! Dan and Doreen Bronchetti*

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**Doreen Btonchetti** - December 19, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale William Gifford.*



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December 19, 2019 at 10:48 AM

CS

“ *Dale will never be forgotten, a smart, funny, loving family man. I'll always remember afternoons at Carol's, on Brown Street or Stancliff Road, laughing uncontrollably with Dale as the ringleader, priceless. Rest In Peace my friend.*

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**Cindy Soares** - December 19, 2019 at 10:01 AM

ST

*So sorry for your loss. A truly genuine and great guy.. The fun & hilarity Dale brought with him wherever he went was an unforgettable treasure. May he rest in peace forever!*

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**sue tobey** - February 21, 2020 at 08:28 PM

OM

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy, Dean and Monica purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dale William Gifford.*



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**Our Sincere Sympathy, Dean and Monica** - December 19, 2019 at 09:56 AM

TY

“ *The Zikowitchs, Beatys, Lombards and Youngs purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Dale William Gifford.*



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**The Zikowitchs, Beatys, Lombards and Youngs** - December 19, 2019 at 09:52 AM

JL

“ *Bruce and I have fond memories of all the great times we had with Dale and Sue in Oneonta when Dale was in college there getting his second degree and masters. He has a special place in our hearts, and we send our love and many hugs to Susan and kids. Joan and Bruce Leonard*

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**Joan Leonard** - December 18, 2019 at 09:56 PM

BA

*Sue, I am so sorry for the loss of Dale. Remember a New Years Eve in Frankfurt, Germany, and picking you up at the train station at midnight. Lots of fireworks, and fun. Bobbie*

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**Barbara Armour** - December 21, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Coach



Danielle Kosecki - December 18, 2019 at 09:38 PM

AM

I think the red & black might have been our first year ❤️⚽

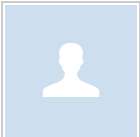
Amber - December 19, 2019 at 12:46 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Dale William Gifford.



December 18, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale William Gifford.



December 18, 2019 at 07:37 PM