



## Mr. Gilbert Samuel Comer Jr.

April 27, 1938 - February 19, 2025

Mr. Gilbert Samuel Comer, Jr., 86, of Peoria, IL transitioned to his heavenly home at 10:25 pm on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at Carle Methodist Hospital.

Gilbert was born on April 27, 1938 in Peoria, IL to proud parents Gilbert, Sr., and Ethel Comer. Upon graduating high school, Gilbert enlisted in the US Army where he honorably serviced for two years, separating in 1957. He married Billie Elliott on August 29, 1960. They shared 53 years of marriage until her death on January 9, 2014. He later married Benita Lewis on April 27, 2016.

Gilbert had a strong work ethic. He was an engineer at Caterpillar for over 36 years. Gilbert didn't rest on his laurels after his retirement from Caterpillar; he went on to work as a beloved crossing guard for over 22 years.

Gilbert had a smile that would light up a room when he entered. He was head strong. He didn't mind helping people. He was very organized, independent and always took care of business. Gilbert was a man of great faith. He was a charter member of New Cornerstone Baptist Church where he served faithfully until he became ill.

Gilbert leaves to cherish his most precious memory his wife, Benita (Lewis)

Comer of Peoria, IL; children, Wayne (Theresa) Martin, Troy Martin, Barry Comer, Sidney Paskins, Cassaundra Powell, Regina Walker, Stacie (Larry) Gaines; one sister, Ella Comer; step children, Shawnita Lews, Breanna Lewis, Markeysha Lewis, Iesaha Sims and Jamesha Sims; 30 grandchildren; 38 greatgrandchildren; and a host of great-greatgrandchildren, other relatives and friends. He is also preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Jessie and Gary Smith; two brothers, Marcus and Arthur Comer and a grandson, who was Gilbert's name's sake, Samuel Powell.

A memorial service will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at New Cornerstone Baptist Church where US Army Military Honors will be rendered. Family and friends will gather at 11:30 am. Rev. Dr. Mark A. McConnell will officiate. Gilbert's cremains will be laid at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](http://SimonsMortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road, RR1  
Springfield, IL 62707

# Previous Events

## Gathering

FEB **26**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

## Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

New Cornerstone Baptist Church  
3609 West Harmon Highway  
Peoria, IL 61604

# Tribute Wall

KT

“ *Karla J Taylor lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Comer*



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**Karla J Taylor** - March 13, 2025 at 10:02 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Comer*



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**Karen Ashby** - February 25, 2025 at 11:51 PM

PD

“ *Peoria Public Schools Safety Department purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Gilbert Samuel Comer Jr..*



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**Peoria Public Schools Safety Department** - February 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ *Peoria Public Schools Safety Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Gilbert Samuel Comer Jr..*

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**Peoria Public Schools Safety Department** - February 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ I will miss you Uncle Jr. but you are with your parents and your older sister Mildred Comer Smith, and your youngest sister Archella Comer, as well as your nephew Leon (Bootsey) and Donald Warfield. And all the Warfield clan of great nieces and nephews in Peoria, as well as Kansas City, and Virginia. Look out for us uncle ☐  
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Sheila Warfield - February 25, 2025 at 01:13 PM

VK

“ To the family Gilbert (Jr.) Comer Jr. - I pray you will lean on Him who is able to keep you from falling, as you contend with your loss. He will be truly missed and fondly remembered. I know I will miss you "Cuz"!



Vickie King - February 23, 2025 at 07:51 PM

TW

“ Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Comer



Theresa Walker - February 23, 2025 at 04:37 PM

RW

“ Rena Webster-Horton lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Comer



Rena Webster-Horton - February 22, 2025 at 07:08 AM

DP

“ *Deepest condolences!*

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**Darryl Pegues** - February 20, 2025 at 11:28 PM