



Harry Grant Gillette II

March 8, 1949 - April 2, 2025

Harry “Grant” Gillette II, age 76, died on April 2, 2025, surrounded by family and friends, at MyMichigan Medical Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on March 8, 1949, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Raymond and Elva (Logan) Gillette.

Grant grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault Area High School with the Class of 1967. After graduation, he joined the United States Navy and served on the USS Mars during Vietnam. After his honorable discharge, Grant then returned with an entrepreneurial spirit, first with UP Wash on Wheels/Northern Serviced, which grew into a lifelong love of modeling with Grant’s Hobbies. He then returned to his roots with Michigan Steam. All the while, Grant was dedicated to his customers.

Grant was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church and was a big supporter of his granddaughter’s school, Saint Paul Lutheran School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Grant enjoyed working on cars and house projects and was an avid reader. He always enjoyed having coffee with his friends at the Big Boy restaurant and the Holiday/Circle K Gas Station.

Grant is survived by his son, Brian (Julie) Gillette, and granddaughter, Aubree

Gillette of Brighton, Michigan.

Grant was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Elva.

A Visitation will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, at the Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The Funeral Service will begin at 3:00 PM, with a luncheon to follow.

Grant's final resting place will be Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'd done business with Grant for over 30 years supplying him with chemical cleaners for his business. He was such a funny, uplifting character. Whenever he called to place an order he would always start with: 'Good morning Sunshine'. We would then talk for far too long telling jokes and talking politics and other subjects. He will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Claudia Hirschochs
Vector Chemicals

Claudia Hirschochs - July 25, 2025 at 09:42 AM

BM

“ Remembering all the coffee sessions with Grant. Brian, so sorry for your loss.

Bob and Connie Mattson - April 11, 2025 at 04:46 PM

JB

“ Our Prayers go out to all of Grant's Family during this time. First met Grant when he came to Newberry selling cleaning products and Steam Cleaners. My wife and I became good friends over the years and found many things we had in common. He was born on my Mother's Birthday Mar 8.... Brian was born on my Birthday Nov 23. we would stop out to his house when we had time (or could catch him) sometimes met at Tractor Supply... and see him in Newberry. He will be missed for sure John & Susan Bergman Newberry

John Bergman - April 10, 2025 at 09:19 AM