

Walter "Happy" Virgil Gilbreath Jr., 72, of Batesville, passed away February 15, 2022 in Cincinnati. He was born to Walter Sr. and Maggie (Jewell) Gilbreath in Evarts, Kentucky on June 3, 1949.

Walter was an avid outdoorsman and could often be found fishing or hunting. He enjoyed muscle cars and had a 1971 Ford Torino 500. Anyone who knew Walter, knew he had a great sense of humor. More than

anything, he loved to spend time with his grandchildren and give them rides on the quad. He will be missed by all who loved him dearly, especially his dog, Bella.

Walter served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade and the 1st Field Force Vietnam (IFFV) in Vietnam from September of 1969 until September of 1970 with the Infantry Scout Platoon. He was a Life Member of the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regimental Association.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene (Quick) Gilbreath; daughters, Rebekah Blackhart and Amy Hernandez (Tito); sons, Walter Gilbreath III (Rachel) and Travis Gilbreath (Zandra); grandchildren, Killian, Lilith, Kyla, Walter IV, Edwin, Isaiah, and Elena; and sister, Shirley Goodpaster.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Gene Farmer and Jimmy Don.

