

Gilbert "Gil, Bub, Max, Bert" Franklin Lomax Sr.

June 10, 1927 - April 25, 2018

Gilbert Franklin Lomax, Sr. was born to the late Joseph Lomax, Sr. and Eleanor (Jessup) Lomax on June 10, 1927 in Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Gil, Bub, Max, or Bert, as he was affectionately called, was the second son of six children. Gil was raised in Haverford, Pennsylvania and was educated in Haverford Public Schools.

After attending Haverford High School, Gilbert enlisted in the United States Navy in 1945, and he maintained several positions on 14 submarines over 20 years of service. Serving in both WWII and the Korean Wars, Gil was stationed on various parts of the globe such as the Panama Canal; Groton/New London, CT; Hawaii, Guantanamo Bay, and Cuba naval bases during the crisis of 1962. When he retired after 20 years, the rank of E6 was earned. It was during these early years that he was married to Mildred Genie Holmes. Together they had two children, Deborah Anita Lomax and Gilbert Franklin Lomax, Jr.

In 1957, Gilbert married Hettie Lonesome in Hawaii. Together they had two children, Janine L. Lomax and Gregory D. Lomax. When he returned home to Pennsylvania, despite racial housing discrimination, Gil was able to purchase a home in West Conshohocken where he lived for many years. Continuing to reside in the Hillside community, he was a loved neighbor and friend. Bub was Hillside's Mr. Fix-it. If any neighbor had a problem with their telephones, electricity, wiring, cars, appliances, or stereos, the first call was to Bub. His technical expertise was developed while he was in the military's Radio Operations division. After retiring from the military, Gil was employed by Bell Telephone for 25 years working in the PBX department.

Bub was an active member of many community and civic organizations. In 1995, he was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the Ida W. Brook #83 chapter of the Eastern Star for distinguished service as Worthy Patron from 1987 to 1992. He was an active member of the James W. Bell-Allen Masonic Lodge #97 Prince Hall Fraternal Order. In addition, he was a member of the Leon Spencer Reid Post #547 American Legion of Ardmore for 50 plus years as a Past Adjutant.

Bub grew up in Bethel AME Church of Bryn Mawr, PA. Later, he joined Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Ardmore, served on various committees, and sang on Mt. Calvary's Sr. Choir; however, years later, he returned and rejoined his home church, Bethel AME of Bryn Mawr under Reverend Carlos Bounds' pastoral care.



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Years later, Bub met Patricia Sinclair, and they married in May 1998. Together they lived a life of wedded bliss. They enjoyed traveling to Jamaica, Canada, Grand Cayman Island and enjoyed cruising to Bermuda. Bub was an avid golfer, and they shared many times golfing together. Gardening was also another pastime they shared. She planted, and he "mowed". Bub proved to be a savvy political pundit, heavily armed by watching Hardball with Chris Matthews, MSNBC's Rachel Maddow, and Lawrence O'Donnell. As a sports enthusiast, Bub loved watching and supporting his hometown team, the Eagles. That enthusiasm also extended to watching the Williams sisters dominate on the tennis courts. At home, if Bob Marley was playing in the background, it was a given, that Bub was paying the bills. When the bills were payed, Bub relaxed in his man-cave operating his amateur radio and spoke with fellow radio aficionados all over the world, especially in the languages he loved, French and Spanish.

Gilbert F. Lomax, Sr. leaves many loved ones to mourn his passing: his cherished and loving, wife Patricia; son Gilbert F, Jr.; daughter, Janine Clinkscales; son, Gregory D. Lomax, and stepchildren, Dalton Thomas; Janet Bickhardt; Zenovia Gallagher; sister, Mary Streets; brother, Leroy Lomax; nieces, Catherine Selby and Angie Lomax; nephews, Ronald Streets, Jeffery Streets, Gerald Streets, and Stephen Streets; ten (10) grandchildren: Kionna Boyer; Yasmin Salaam; Kabir Salaam; Steven L. Howard; Destiny Lomax; Donji Lomax; Gilbert F. Lomax, III; Kionna Clinkscales; Alyssa Clinkscales; and Gregory Lomax, Jr., (10) great grandchildren; two (2) great, great children; his beloved dog, Tebow; and a host of family and friends.