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Ross Gilstrap(1921 - 2011)



Ross Eugene Gilstrap

Greenville

Ross Eugene Gilstrap, 89, of Greenville, died Sunday, March 27, 2011.

Born in Easley, he was the son of the late William Henry Gilstrap and Elsie Aiken Gilstrap Trotter and the loving husband for 69 years of Wilma Cheek Gilstrap.

Mr. Gilstrap served in the U. S. Navy during [World War II](#), serving in the North Africa and Okinawa invasions.

He was retired from Southern Railway, where he worked as a locomotive engineer and was a member of Greenville First Wesleyan Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Ronald Preston Gilstrap and his wife Sandy of Wilmington, NC; five grandchildren, Beth Barnes, Eric, Becky, Sara, and Jackie Gilstrap, two sisters, Peggy Bolech of Balsom Grove, NC and Emma Jean Beard of Pickens; two brothers, Ernest Gilstrap of Brevard, NC and Earl Gilstrap of Gainesville, FL; a daughter-in-law, Sherry Gilstrap of Simpsonville and a great granddaughter, Olivia Gilstrap.

He was preceded in death by a son, John William Gilstrap; a brother Furman Gilstrap and a sister, Edith Stewart.

The Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Northwest.

Visitation will be prior to the service from 12:00 noon until 1:15 p.m.

Burial will follow the Service at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Pickens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Wesleyan Church, 101 South Texas Avenue, Greenville, SC 29611.

Condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.thomasmcafee.com.



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