



## Dr. Harry K. Gillespie

May 22, 1925 - December 9, 2019

Dr. Harry K. Gillespie, retired pediatrician, age 94 of Irwin, passed away peacefully on Monday December 9, 2019. Loving father of seven children, Mary Ellen (Joseph) Ferragonio, James (Ana) Gillespie, David (Rose Mary) Gillespie, Charlotte (Charles) Fisher, Sarah (Eugene) Pile, Elizabeth (David) Haushalter, and Douglas (Heidi) Gillespie. Caring grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle to numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and their families. He is also survived by his sister Nancy Troy and cousin Lucy (Joe) Russell. In addition to his wife Eleanor, Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Loretta, and siblings Richard, Philip Jr., and Susan Mormon.

A graduate of Central Catholic High School, a U.S. Navy veteran, and graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Dr. Gillespie was a longtime practicing pediatrician in Irwin and White Oak as well as at Jeannette and McKeesport hospitals, touching the lives of many patients and families over the length of his career. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin, where he cantered mass and served as a member of the choir for many years. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus #1480 Greensburg. Dr. Gillespie was ahead of his time when it came to enjoying the great outdoors, recycling, and doing his part in taking care of Mother Earth. He will be fondly remembered for his kindness, his steadfast faith, his gentle demeanor, maintaining an active lifestyle, and his

ever-present sense of humor.

To celebrate the life of Dr. Gillespie, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Church, 308 2nd St. Irwin. The family will receive friends in the church vestibule 30 minutes prior the Mass. Interment will follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, McMurray.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests sending memorial contributions to: Deer Valley YMCA Family Camp, Inc., PO Box 1424, McMurray, PA 15317; Immaculate Conception Church, 308 Second Street Irwin, PA 15642; Knights of Columbus, or a charity of one's choice.

William Snyder Funeral Home, Irwin, is in charge of arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Queen of Heaven Cemetery

US-19  
McMurray, PA, PA 15317

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception  
308 2nd street  
Irwin, PA 15642

## Funeral Mass

DEC 13. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception  
308 2nd street  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Harry K. Gillespie*

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October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dr. Harry K. Gillespie*

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August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Uncle Harry,  
I look forward to a retreat with Phil and Richard with you in Heaven  
as we did so many times here in earth.*

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**Fr Philip Gillespie** - May 09, 2021 at 11:15 PM

EM

“ Growing up with Doug and spending most of our summers in his backyard I was blessed to be around Dr Gillespie so much. He was generous with his time, so kind, so patient, and always moving, never stayed still, always doing something. As I am getting older, I don't know how he had so much energy. I remember playing endless ping-pong tournaments with Doug or playing around the world in the driveway and Dr Gillespie would be tinkering around the house , cutting the grass, on the porch swing, heading out to playing tennis etc... I loved his collection of National Geographic magazines so voluminous that it would have rivaled the Library of Congress. As much time as I spent at your house, your father always included me. I was included in the fun and he never forgot to include me in the work either. Once we grew up and started our lives I didn't get to see your dad too much. You kept me up to date though. Your father and mother were such a blessing to everyone who had the honor to know them. You, your sisters and brothers are all proof of how true love and kindness can form such a wonderful loving family. I am honored to have known your father.  
Danielle and I are lifting up your family in our prayers, praying for peace, for blessings and for all of the memories of your father. God bless you all.

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**Eric & Danielle M.** - December 14, 2019 at 09:13 PM

M&

“ I didn't know him well, but he made a very positive and lasting impression on me. I really liked him. You have my deepest sympathy Doug (and Heidi) and the rest of the Gillespie family.

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**Mike Angel, Deer Valley Ex-staff & Camper** - December 13, 2019 at 06:05 PM

DG

*Thank you Mike!*

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**Doug Gillespie** - December 14, 2019 at 07:48 PM

EB

“ Dr. Gillespie was a God send to a young mother with a newborn colicky baby. I sing his praises to this day. What a gift he was to the new parents in the White Oak area and I thank God for him.

*May his memory be a blessing to his family.*

*Betty Busch*

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**Elizabeth Busch** - December 13, 2019 at 05:19 PM

LZ

“ Many wonderful memories of Dr. Gillespie and family as next door neighbors on Jackson St. My condolences on your loss.

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**Lynne Campeau Zapadka** - December 12, 2019 at 09:08 PM

LH

*Hi Lynne, this is Liz Gillespie. I remember playing with your brother Jimmy. Where is he these days? Is your family still in the Pittsburgh area? My email is haushouse100@gmail.com*

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**liz gillespie haushalter** - January 09, 2020 at 08:53 PM

SP

*I remember you, too, Lynne, and playing with Jimmy as well. We played Kerplunk! Thank you for your condolences. Sally (Sarah) Gillespie Pile*

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**Sarah Pile** - January 09, 2020 at 09:14 PM

NB

“ The Norwin Volleyball family sends its deepest condolences to our Coach and the rest of the Ferragonio family. You have all been such an important part of our lives throughout the years. We hope you know how much we love all of you. We are thinking of you and praying for you.

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**Norwin Lady Knight Volleyball Boosters** - December 12, 2019 at 01:22 PM

LM

“ i an very sorry to hear about Dr Gillespie's passing. When I came to White Oak to open my pediatric practice in August 1976 he was most gracious as a colleague and welcomed me to the area. He also served with me as asst chairman of pediatrics under Dr Vincent Lezek.He was deeply respected by the other physician,.nurses, and administration at McKeesport Hospital. As chairman of the Necrology committee of the Medical Staff i report the passing of previous members and will be acknowledging his significant contribution to the hospital and Monvalley community at the next medical staff meeting in March 2020. Again my deepest sympathy to the family. Dr Les Silberman

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**L J SILBERMAN MD** - December 12, 2019 at 12:44 PM

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*Thank you Dr. Silberman! Sally (Sarah) Gillespie Pile*

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**Sarah Pile** - January 09, 2020 at 09:14 PM

VS

“ To the Gillespie family,  
Although it has been many years, we spent some wonderful times together growing up at the Gillespie home. My deepest sympathy to all for your loss. Your Dad had a sense of humor that we could all appreciate. May you file those memories away for all the story times to come around the camp fires. So sorry I cannot be there on Friday to offer my condolences. Know I will be thinking of you.

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**Valerie Shendge** - December 11, 2019 at 09:43 PM

RD

“ Dear family of Dr. Gillespie (you were and will always be a second family to me and I will love all of you as such until the day that I join Harry and Eleanor): Harry was a great and kind man. He shared his family and part of his life with me. Theater at St. Vincent College (seersucker suit and bow tied), cookouts in summer and lamb with mint jelly. He was an inspiration to me and each time that I tie my bowtie to go to work, I think of him. You were very lucky to have such wonderful parents and I was also fortunate that I was allowed to share them with you for such a formative period of my life. Rest in peace gentle Dr. Gillespie.  
Rick Dell

*I have to be in court in Butler County on Friday morning so I cannot attend the celebration of his wonderful life but please know that I am there with all of you kids, my forever friends, in spirit.*

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**Rick Dell** - December 11, 2019 at 01:03 PM

SP

*Thank you Rick! Dad did like his bow ties! Your kind words are appreciated! Sally (Sarah) Gillespie Pile*

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**Sarah Pile** - January 09, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Harry K. Gillespie.



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December 11, 2019 at 10:13 AM

LH

“ *Love and deep comfort! Harrisburg, Gillespies purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Harry K. Gillespie.*



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**Love and deep comfort! Harrisburg, Gillespies** - December 10, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Harry K. Gillespie.*



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December 10, 2019 at 09:17 PM