



## Rolf "Orin" Gilbertson

July 21, 1938 - July 18, 2021

Rolf "Orin" Gilbertson, age 82, of Carson City, Nevada, passed away on July 18, 2021 at home surrounded by loved ones while in the care of Kindred Hospice following a stroke and then a devastating fall.

Orin, as he was known, was born on July 21, 1938 to Rolf Edward Gilbertson and Mildred (Bjornstad) Gilbertson in Tehachapi, California.

Orin grew up in Salem, Oregon and graduated from North Salem High School. He then went to Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon and studied Physics, Mathematics and Professional Education. While at collage, he loved pulling pranks. And he was not alone in doing it. Orin was surprised when he opened his diploma to find the list that the dean had made record of.

While at college, he met the love of his life, Clare Johnson. They married 2 months after graduation and moved to China Lake, California to start their new life together at the Naval Weapons Center, was part of the Junior Professional program.

Orin, retired after 35 years of working for the Department of Defense on many projects for the Naval Weapons Center. During his career he won several awards including The Michelson Laboratory Award recognizes individuals for technical excellence based on outstanding performance of their individual duties. He also authored or co-authored many publications

After retirement, the Gilbertson's moved to Desert Hot Springs, California to be closer to Clare's parents. While there, during the summers they traveled extensively to escape the heat of the desert. As members of WIT (Winnebago

Itasca Travelers) Tours, they led 30 tours around the U.S., Alaska and Canada. Meeting new friends was a high light from each trip.

He was an avid amateur ham radio operator (WW6O) and taught many classes and shared his love of DXing. Both Orin and Clare (N6ODO) are operators, so in the world of ham radio's they are known as an extra couple having extra class licenses. WW6O is now a "Silent Key".

He will truly be missed. Orin was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Eugene Gilbertson. He leaves behind his brother Gary (Judy) Gilbertson of Woodinville, Washington, his wife Clare of 61 years of marriage, two daughters, Tina Ediss (Greg) of Carson City, Nevada, and Dana Sandy (Robert) of Minden, Nevada. Five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

# Tribute Wall



“ He was . Great grandpa to me Riley its been 3 years now I miss him more than ever its this time because I wish I could tell him things I could tell my dad its so sad not seeing him on his birthday but we do this tradition were we wright message and s nd the ball on off in the wind and every year I always say I wish you were still here so I just wanted to say this story about him I love him so much and I never want him to forget that 😊😭😭😭😭😭

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“ Rolf "Orin" Gilbertson

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ Rolf "Orin" Gilbertson

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“ Today in heaven the angels sing and The Lord is saying." Well done good and faithful servant" to a great man, Orin Gilbertson. He would be humble in life if anyone said this to his face. He will be honored because it is the truth and the Lord honors those who have honored him in this earthly life.



Orin was an incredible addition to our World and one who will be sorely missed by many. He was an outstanding husband, father, grandfather , and friend. A brilliant man who was quiet and a mediator for many with his quiet wisdom. He gave love without ceasing to his family who came first in his heart always. He supported them with his time and quiet assurances and mercy and many RV vacations. Time, something none of us can get back, as well everyone knew by these actions of his love.

There are few men of character, honor and truth left in this world and we have lost one who was so much an example of this and more. Brilliant and used his brain and honesty for good. So many state secrets in his brain I always loved his stories when they ended with then they took the invention and it was top secret above my clearance. Not a jealous or bitter bone in his body, we should all heed his example in this and many other ways. The Bible says " But a faithful man, who can find?" Well, Orin was this man in so many ways, rare in this world and a rare breed all his own.

If the love of his wife wasn't enough of an example, the love for his children and their children and then sweet Riley girl should have been enough to learn from. Lover of his wife, yes, lover of his family, yes, lover of his grandchildren, yes, lover of his great granddaughter, yes,. What else could there be ? Lover of The Lord Jesus Christ first and foremost really. It was because of this love for his LORD that he was the man of honor and grace that he was. We have all been incredibly blessed to have known and had this man for as long as we did. I am grateful to have listened ( he was a quiet man but wise ) often to his many adventures and stories of his life with Clare and the family. Also, we enjoyed his radio adventures as well, wish I could have learned how to be a radio person from

*him. He was a great teacher.*

*So I thank The Lord for one such as this, to have meet, to have known and to have learned from his wisdom. It just reminds me that we must all value those we love while they are living. I valued Orin and loved him dearly as a friend and will miss him greatly. But not as much as the family HE loved and honored and showed the way to care, love, honor and respect each other as the Lord would want. I pray that my husband and I showed him as much honor as he showed us . Thank you Lord for blessing us with the privilege of our relationship with Orin. We are grateful for the example of this great man and may we take care to value his guidance he gave us to follow.*

*Thank you family, one and all, for taking such fantastic care of this man through these last trying days. Love and prayers! If there's anything we can do for you, please just ask! I hope I am sounding like your father would have been for others. Praise be to Him from whom all blessings flow,*

*Blessed friends of O,*

*Val and Steve Blehm*

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**Val an Steve Blehm** - August 12, 2021 at 12:24 AM

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*Monte and I were so sad to learn of Orin's stroke, fall, and death. We both have loved both Orin and Clare for many years, beginning with our wonderful times together at Grace Lutheran Church, in Ridgecrest, CA. We enjoyed being part of our young couples group. . . Times at Lake Diaz, Bear Valley Springs, and Big Bear! Tina and Dana were a bit older than our two little boys, but our two families always had a good time together!*

*Orin was a special man, quiet, always listening carefully, before offering his thoughts. We know Clare, Tina, and Dana and their families were so blessed to have such a wonderful man in their lives, and we both are thankful for our friendship and memories of Orin.*

*With much love,  
Tina and Monte Frisbee*

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**Tina and Monte Frisbee** - August 15, 2021 at 12:41 AM