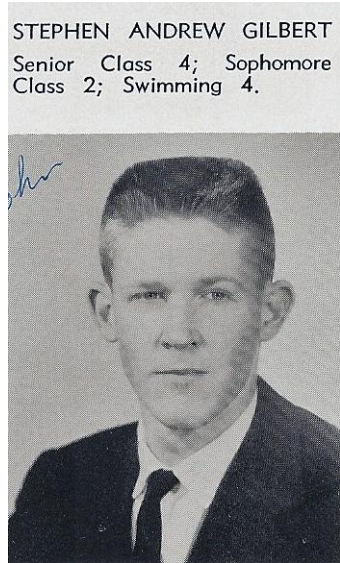


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Stephen Gilbert died peacefully on January 9, 2006 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Steve was a devoted husband, loving father and compassionate being to every life he touched. The branches on his tree of family and friends overflows, and its roots run deep, embedded, strongly grounded, and far-reaching. His quiet ways and wonderful sense of humor will forever leave an emptiness and imprint on our souls.

He is survived by his adoring wife, Laurene; his beloved son, Nick; his son's mother, Suzanne Gaglie; his loving mother, Claire; his caring sisters and brothers, Ann (Brad) McDonald, John (Donna) Gilbert, Mary (Christopher Baurle) Gilbert, Lois (Wayne) Oaks, Chris (Lynne) Gilbert, Phil (Wendy) Gilbert; many cousins, nieces and nephews: and a seemingly endless list of friends and extended family who lent their support and love during his long, extended illness. And, of course, his quirky cats, Elmo and Dolce, who were forever camped out in his lap.

He was predeceased by his father, Perry; his brother, David; and his wonderfully devoted dog, Bob, who never ceased exhibiting an exuberant joy of being alive.

The family cannot begin to thank Hospicare, Judy Abrams Acupuncture, Mary Russo and in the end, Classen Home Health Care, enough for their heroic efforts in guiding Steve and our family through the most difficult period of our lives.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., January 21, at Sage Chapel, Cornell University. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospicare, 172 East King Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.

The family is being assisted by the E.C. Wagner Funeral Home of Ithaca.