



Cecil E. Gillette Jr.

March 4, 2026

Cecil Ezra Gillette Jr., 84, of Portsmouth, Virginia, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2026. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia, to the late Georgia Smith Gillette and Cecil Ezra Gillette Sr.

Cecil spent 29 dedicated years working at BAE Systems in security, where he was known for his strong work ethic and reliability.

He enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, including taking relaxing drives in his beloved 1975 Jaguar, staying busy with yard work, and spending summers helping at his cousins' farm. Cecil especially valued the time he spent with family and the quiet satisfaction of lending a helping hand.

Cecil is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Carolyn Sue McCormick Gillette; his goddaughters Keely, Kara and Kensey; his cousins, Howard Dunn and Pat, Earl Dunn and Joyce; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at Loving Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 11 a.m. Visitation will follow the service. A private burial will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk.

Cecil will be remembered for his steady nature, his willingness to help others,

his quick wit, and
the care he showed for his family and home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Cecil, I will miss our summer visits, your sense of humor and quick wit.* ”

Shannon Wallace - March 10 at 06:48 PM



“ *Cecil was a wonderful person and neighbor! Mary Jo Moseley* ”

Mary Jo Moseley - March 10 at 03:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Cecil E. Gillette Jr..* ”



March 10 at 03:10 PM