



## Joseph Daniel "Dan" Gillespie Sr.

July 17, 1944 - June 21, 2025

Joseph Daniel "Dan" Gillespie, Sr.  
Easley, South Carolina

Joseph Daniel "Dan" Gillespie, Sr., age 80, loving husband to the late Sandra Gail Freeman Gillespie, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at AnMed Medical Center in Anderson.

Born on July 17, 1944, in Pickens County, South Carolina, Dan was the beloved son of the late Clarence Nebraska Gillespie and Mary Merck Gillespie. A proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Gillespie exemplified dedication and service throughout his life.

Dan found joy in life's simple pleasures. He was a devoted reader of the Bible, drawing strength and guidance from its teachings. A creative spirit, he spent hours crafting model airplanes from popsicle sticks, a hobby that showcased both his patience and imagination. He also had a deep appreciation for classic Westerns, often spending quiet moments enjoying tales of the American frontier.

Professionally, Dan was the owner of Easley Ceramic and Tile, where he took great pride in his craftsmanship and the relationships he built through his work. His commitment to excellence and strong work ethic left a lasting

impression on all who knew him.

Survivors include his children, Joseph Daniel Gillespie Jr. of Easley, Dana Michelle Atkinson (Gary) of Easley, and James Darren Gillespie (Jessie) of Pickens; grandchildren, Mitchell, Phillip, Brittany, Elin, Ean, Easton; great-grandchildren, Easlee, Addaley, Dalton, and Blayne; and sister, Martha Jane Dodd.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Gillespie was predeceased by his brothers, Johnny Gillespie, Jimmy Gillespie, and Ben Gillespie, and his sisters, Kitty Hawkins, and Betty Strouse.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dan's honor may be made to Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home, 4605 Belton Hwy, Anderson, SC 29621.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Gillespie family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dan was always such a gracious man. He did a lot of work in my home and he was truly a perfectionist. I got to know him easily and was so glad to see him each time he visited. Dan was a true lover of this country and a proud veteran. He will be missed. Dan, rest easy in the Lord's hands. Jane McCollum



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Jane McCollum - June 23, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ Richard and I had only met Mr. Gillespie a few times. But it was obvious from the beginning that he loved our Lord and Savior. Richard is on the same unit at RMC as Mr. Gillespie. Mr. Gillespie would always look out for Rick. Darren and his family are also our neighbors. We will miss Mr. Gillespie but I know he is with his Lord. Thank you Jesus.



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Richard and Kathy Davis - June 22, 2025 at 09:49 PM