

# Elvadore Gilbert, Father Of Mayor Gilbert, Is Dead

Elvadore (Ell) Gilbert, father of Mayor Raymon Gilbert of Kokomo, died at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday at his home in Ervin Township, a mile south of Young America.

Mr. Gilbert, who was 87, had been ill of a malignant disorder the last two years. He underwent a number of operations during that time in an effort to check the

malady. For the last three weeks his condition had been critical.

One of Ervin Township's best known and well liked residents, he

had served as township trustee from 1914 to 1918, and was a school bus driver for the Ervin schools for 17 years.

He was also widely known among Howard County farmers and Kokomo business men, having served as manager of the county farm bureau office several years in the 1920s.

His father, Henry Gilbert, was one of the early settlers of the township. His mother was Betsy Gwinn, an Ervin resident.

Mr. Gilbert was born March 24, 1867, in Ervin Township and lived there all his life except for the period when he was farm bureau manager in Kokomo.

He was married Dec. 25, 1896, to Ella Jane Gannon of Ervin Township. Mrs. Gilbert is still living and is 85. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day in 1950.

Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Bethel Friends Church at Kappa and a member of the farm bureau.

Surviving besides the widow and Mayor Gilbert are four daughters, Ruth and Irene Gilbert, at home, Mrs. William Mason of Kokomo, and Mrs. Darrell Merrill of Galveston; another son, Howard, of Kokomo; a brother, N. G. Gilbert of Kokomo; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and Mrs. Ethie Redding, of Ervin Township, who was raised in the Gilbert home.

Funeral services will be at 3 p. m. Friday in Bethel Friends Church, followed by burial in North Union Cemetery. The Rev. Wilna Moon will officiate at the services, assisted by the Rev. Franklin Arthur. The body will be returned from the Thomas Funeral Home to the late residence where friends may call after 2 p. m. Thursday.



ELVADORE (ELL) GILBERT