His Legacy... Scholar, soldier, farmer; born in Benicia to Col Fred I. Gilbert and Gertrude Olga Lund Gilbert, he graduated from Roosevelt High School in Honolulu, and UC Berkeley before enlisting in the US Army in 1943. He served in the Philippines, Japan and Korea. He later graduated from the Special Forces Officer’s Course. He studied Japanese at the Defense Language Institute, Stanford University and the US Embassy in Japan. He commanded the 3/21 “countdown” Artillery Battalion before assignment to Vietnam during the “Tet Offensive” of 1968. He was the Military Group Commander in Panama where he met regularly with Omar Torrijos and his successor Manuel Noriega. He retired in 1972 as a Colonel. His many awards include the Silver Star. After retirement, he was inducted into the Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

His Family... Husband to Betty. Father of Robert, Karen, Krisna, Kurt, Kira, Trina and Marta. Grandfather and great-grandfather.

His Farewell Service ... Friends and family are invited to attend the viewing at Ramsey’s Funeral Home at 1175 Robinson St., Oroville, 11-1:30 pm on Saturday, April 5, followed by a Memorial Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 2350 Foothill Blvd., Oroville, at 2 pm with a reception to follow. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.