



Nicholas Gilliam

July 26, 1951 - December 29, 2021

North Augusta, SC – Services for Mr. Nicholas Gilliam, 70, who entered into rest December 29, 2021, will be held at a later date.

Mr. Gilliam was born July 26, 1951, in Dayton, Ohio to the late George Gilliam and Lucy Ferguson Webster. He served his country in the United States Navy. Mr. Gilliam was a self-taught musician that could sing, play virtually any instrument and write songs. He enjoyed using his musical talent to entertain family, friends and even strangers singing in church venues or bluegrass barns. Music was a huge part of his life, he was a member of various bands during his life including the Gospel Sounds. Mr. Gilliam loved riding his Harley with biker groups just for fun and on charity rides. He loved camping, fishing and cooking. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Libby Sue Hernandez and great niece, Tana Rachelle Lira.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Ann Gilliam; daughter, Angela Renee (Darrell) Brook; grandchildren, Samuel "C.J." Nicholas Jones, Cody Randall (Hannah) Brook, Breanna Alexis Payton, Jeran Connor Brook; great grandchildren, Annabelle Lynn Brook, Ily Nicole Jones, Ryder Cody Brook, Kennedy Caroline Yancey; sisters, Cindy Lee Brooks, Vicki Lynne Mullins and Rhonda Jean Gilliam; nieces, Gaytha Lee Gilliam, Tawnya Rose Lira, Crystal Gayle Barrett, Rhonda Ann Jordan, Regina Michelle Franklin, Jennifer Yvonne Exum; nephews, David Nicholas McGuire, Joshua Martin, Ronald "Ron" Lee Shubert, II and William Cole Brooks.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas Gilliam*

September 24 at 12:12 PM



“ *Cheryl Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam*



Cheryl Gilliam - September 02 at 04:38 PM

RB

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Renee Gilliam Brook - January 27 at 03:54 AM

JE

“ *We were very sorry to hear the news of Uncle Nick's passing. Some of my favorite memories as a child were spent at his house. We knew that when the kitchen table was cleared out of the room that music and fun were about to happen. His love of music was inspiring, and his sense of humor would make you want to hang around just to hear what funny things he'd blurt out at any given moment. I hope you rest peacefully Uncle Nick, thank you for the memories.*

Jennifer Exum - January 16 at 08:46 AM

RB

Love you jiffer!

Renee Gilliam Brook - January 18 at 04:37 PM



aww so sweet...he was fun loving and talented thats for sure..

Cheryl Gilliam - January 31 at 11:14 AM

VM

“ Nick was my brother, and although we were not raised together, I loved him very much! I remember growing up over the years, Nick would always check in with me to see how I was doing, and vice versa. As children we had no control over the life we had, but there was always the feeling of love I felt for Nick. I knew that he cared about me, and I have a few memories as a child of him trying to take care of me. I anxiously awaited his calls as a child, and when I started playing piano, I could not wait for him to call so I could play for him, I would lay the phone down and play a few songs, and he would patiently wait until I finished "my concert" lol. You see back then it was long distance when you called from out of state, but he didn't care one bit. You see I wanted him to be proud of me learning to play the piano, because he was the talented one, he could play any instrument, and boy could he sing. I loved to hear him sing!! You know life dealt us a pretty bad hand as children, but I am so thankful for the memories I do have of my big brother! RIP my dear brother, and I will see you soon!!!

Please pray for his wife Cheryl, who took very good care of Nick, and loved him for many years. I call her my fav sis-in-law! I appreciate all she did, she is a very good God fearing woman, and was a good wife, and step-mother to Renee. God Bless you Cheryl!

And also my precious niece, Renee, she was definately a daddys girl!! Nick loved her more than anything, and she loved him so much!!! She will miss her dad terribly. And all of his grandchildren! I pray you all try and find comfort with all of the beautiful memories you have of Nick. God Bless you all! and God Bless my big brother!! Your sister, Vicki

Vicki mullins - January 03 at 01:11 PM

RB

Awww Vicki!.. first off im crying!.. 2nd off that was a fabulous memory..I loved it so much. I was thrilled same way.. I always wanted to make him proud of me.. he was so talented.. it was hard to compare to him... but I was proud of everything he did...he was very empresive...left a huge expression with more people than he knew.. Your right, I loved him with all my heart and I know for a fact he loved me with all his! Thank you Aunt Vicki!❤️❤️

Renee Gilliam Brook - January 03 at 02:14 PM

RB

Exact- not thrilled

Renee Gilliam Brook - January 03 at 02:15 PM

VM

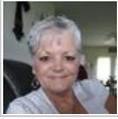
Oh, Renee, honey you are soooo very talented, you definately inherited that from him. It breaks my heart knowing how much you are hurting. All I can do is just pray that God will give you peace, and comfort in your memories of you and your daddy. Much love, and a big hug!!!!

Vicki mullins - January 03 at 02:55 PM

RB

Love you! And thank you!!❤️❤️

Renee Gilliam Brook - January 03 at 06:34 PM



Thank you fsil, i loved that..and thats the first time i heard that too..very prescious,..love you lots!!

Cheryl Gilliam - January 03 at 07:37 PM

JW

“ So sad to hear this news but so thankful for the memories we have of his precious life. Growing up in the Wooldridge family, Nick was a celebrity. At get-togethers and family reunions, Nick was the headliner. He brought smiles and joy to everyone. We have videos that we still watch today of him singing and entertaining. Always telling jokes and making that specific moment that much brighter. My brother Jack and I reconnected with him over the last few years. Whether it was tuning in to his radio show Good Time radio or watching his YouTube video “Down in Savannah”, which I’m pretty sure we are responsible for 700 of the 711 views. Just like that song, I’ve always said great songs don’t ever end, they just get turned down. While Nick’s song may have been turned down on this earth, his unending praise just got a lot louder in heaven. Thank you Lord for the joy we got experience through Nick’s life. We are praying for all the family and friends during this time. - Jed Wooldridge

Jed Wooldridge - January 03 at 11:09 AM

RB

Awww Jed...that was a very sweet memory. You should see the home movies I have of you!.. Dumus walker is the one that sticks in my head. You were the cutest thing I've ever seen.. you impressed me beyond anything.. the music talent in this family is amazing.. I hope you continue yours and if you do please share!!

Renee Gilliam Brook - January 03 at 11:37 AM

VM

Yes, Jed, you are so right, Nick was definately the highlight of all our reunions. Thank God, we were all close enough back then to have reunions. Funny, how time changes things!! That was a very nice tribute. Hope you and your family are well!!

Vicki mullins - January 03 at 02:57 PM



aww that was sweet jed.. i can still remember you as a little boy singing if ya could i know you would be my baby tonight! was that it? i loved it...anyway fun times are always just a memory away with Nick..Thank you for the memory

Cheryl Gilliam - January 03 at 07:40 PM

RB

“ *My dad and a few of his favorite people that have gone before him and some he has left behind.*
Love you DaD



Renee Brook - January 03 at 12:51 AM

JG

“ *Went over to the house back during the summer. Someone had come to paint the Living Room and Cheryl had mentioned to Nick that I was canning. Well, Nick to Cheryl to have me come over and he would give me his canning stuff. Little did I know how much he had but it was a blessing to me because I put up some vegetables and thanks to Nick I had enough equipment that I did not have to buy anything. They both were so sweet and I enjoyed spending time with them.*

Janice K St Germaine - January 02 at 01:49 PM

PM

“ It has been many years since I last saw my cousin Nick but my memories of him are forever. I loved my cousin. We were all so very close when we were kids. Nick endured a lot of sadness and loneliness that no kid should ever have had to go thru. But he didn't let it stop him from loving people and enjoying life. He loved my Mom and Dad and I always appreciated the respect and honor he had for them.

Nick was the best entertainment we had "back in the day!" I remember Nick, Mom and I were in the kitchen making something to eat and Nick telling his jokes. He was hilarious and we couldn't get enough and asked him to repeat the jokes over and over again. Of course he would change it up a bit to enhance our enjoyment. He really liked making us laugh. The "bear rug" was one of his best imitations -- lying on the floor, mouth open looking like a bear rug! I can see him doing it now.

Nick was very smart and so musically talented. He could have played music with any famous Country music star.

But most of all Nick had a big hearta love for people and family and Nick loved his Lord. My heart goes out to you Renee and the grandchildren. Praying for you.

Cheryl, we are so sorry for the loss of your husband, Nick. We pray the memories of your life together sustain you thru this very sad time.

Paula and Scott Minamyer

Paula and Scott Minamyer - January 02 at 12:24 AM



Thank you so much Paula...

Cheryl Gilliam - January 02 at 12:09 PM

RB

Thank you Paula.. very sweet memories..

Renee Brook - January 02 at 02:21 PM

RB

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Renee Brook - January 02 at 12:23 AM

HS

Enjoyed the pictures brought back a lot of memories To h h anks

hHarikd Stevens - January 02 at 04:46 PM

CB

“ Cindy Brooks lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam



Cindy brooks - January 01 at 09:05 PM

“ I've been here a few times..and keep having those moment's, Nick is my brother, we're not bonded by blood...but something much thicker. Nick always looked after me Judy&Jannie when we were little..not gonna go into that! But Nick and Libby, were my Angels here on this earth! OKAY...the first time I met Nick I also 8, he was 14, it was me Vickie,Rhonda,Judy,Jannie and Lynn were sent from the trailer we lived in behind th Vance Club. Mom sent us up to the Vance Club to get food from the vending machine, and we saw Nick, and 2 other guys sitting on this wall..the song that was playing on a transiter radio was " Hot Time Summer in the City" I tried to figure out how to add that here..no luck..but you should take a listen..by loving spoonful.."Hot time summer in the city"anyway that song has always reminded me of him. Anyway I think he took Vickie hand he went with us to the Vance Club, and we got our food. He walked us back to the trailer. That's my very first memory..the next one was , he took me, Judy&Jannie on a Greyhound bus from Dayton Ohio. to Atlanta GA. To my grandparents. He was 15, with a 9,6 and 4 yr old! I got bus sick and told him..he gave me a brown paper bag, said "throw up in it" and I did after our next bus stop.we were held over. Cuz they had to get us another bus!! LOL..Nick said "don't tell um" lol 😊 we got to Ga. He turned right around and went right back to Ohio..A WHOLE LOT OF STUFF AFTER!. And in between

then he married Caroline, and I married her brother, Ronald , we all were inseparable! We did everything together. Eating out, weekends at each other's homes,music venues..so much! vacations, I posted a couple pictures on here..the last vacation we all took together was Panama city.., I also posted one of Nick with his guitar 🎸 best way to remember Nick, he loved playing music! And was so gifted! This particular picture was at Mom and James wedding..Nick played at their wedding, I also posted a couple of Nick's Navy pictures..oh my goodness look at that baby face..the second One with the cigarette in his mouth..on the back of the picture he wrote.." Look at my ring". He was proud of himself " He inlisted when we lived on Melrose Ave. In Decatur, I can remember him coming home on leave. A lot of stuff there!!Nick and I haven't been close for a while..our ships sailed in different directions, but I always knew my brother was there..the very last words he said to "I love ya Cindy"..my heart ❤️ is broken..I love you Nick!your sister Cindy..





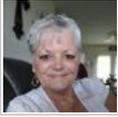
Love the memories..and nick with the sunglasses..ooh la la..lol thanks Cindy.

Cheryl Gilliam - January 01 at 09:15 PM

RB

I love all of the stories. I learned a few things I didnt know.. I cried of course... but they are so sweet and I love the pictures.. thank you aunt Cindy.. ❤️ you!

Renee Brook - January 01 at 10:35 PM



Thank you Cindy for your Donation , Nick always spoke of you as his sister , i didnt know the story behind it but now i do..i appreciate you and thank you from the bottom of my heart..that was very sweet..I hope we can be friends as well..=) Cheryl

Cheryl Gilliam - January 31 at 11:20 AM

FW

“ *I have so many memories of Nick I don't know where to begin. I haven't seen him in probably close to 30 years. But the memories are still there. I remember when I lived with Lassie and John I was about 17 and he would come on Sunday mornings and go to the bedroom where the piano was and start playing Like Jerry Lee Lewis! Loved to watch and hear him sing. Made my day. So funny, so entertaining, loved when he came around. He played at all the reunions, I have videos of him and Cheryl about the last time I saw him as we all sang on Lassies back porch which we watch every now and then. Such good memories. Nick also came to my house one thanksgiving and told me how to make the perfect turkey, turn it upside down to get all the juices in the breast. Still make it that way today and think of him every time. I have so many memories. Buba, Jed and I have always talked about Nick and all the memories. It was a sad day when we got the message he passed. I just wanted to let you all know you are in our prayers. Cheryl, Renee, his beautiful little girl he loved so much, and Gaytha, and Tawnya, Vicki, Rhonda, and all his family I never got to meet. Prayers for you all. He sure will be missed. I'm sure he's up in heaven entertaining as we speak.*

Francy Wooldridge - January 01 at 07:31 PM



aww Francy he loved him some jerry lee, we sat just a couple weeks before he passed and watched old jerry lee videos on youtube. Thank you for that memory

Cheryl Gilliam - January 01 at 09:16 PM

RB

Oh my heart!!!!... I love this so much!.. crying again!.. I have so many videos of jed singing.. my dad was very talented indeed... thank you for those memories..

Renee Brook - January 01 at 10:39 PM

LO

“ Little Ondie lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam



Little Ondie - January 01 at 02:50 PM

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“ Tammy Hall (Pigman) lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam



Tammy Hall (Pigman) - January 01 at 12:50 AM

BO

“ Nick was a great friend to me. We enjoyed riding and working on motorcycles together. We also had lots of fun playing guitars together. We argued and then laughed it off. He and I worked together for Foley Products Precast Co. He was always there for me when I needed help with something. RIP my brother ! He was a blessing to me and everyone who knew him. He can now sing with the other angels above. You will be truly missed ! 🙏❤️

Bobby Owens - December 31, 2021 at 08:47 PM

RB

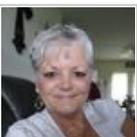
❤️ that!

Renee Brook - January 01 at 12:39 AM



Thank you Bobby

Cheryl Gilliam - January 01 at 07:20 AM



“ Cheryl Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam



Cheryl Gilliam - December 31, 2021 at 08:33 PM



thinking about you

Cheryl Gilliam - December 31, 2021 at 08:35 PM

KD

“ *Kim Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam*



Kim Daugherty - December 31, 2021 at 02:43 PM

JP

My good friend Nick I didn't know you very long at all but you put a lasting impression on my life I love you and will always be there for your amazing wife she will be taken care of that was the last conversation I had with you ,you were a 100% true friend I will see you when I get to the other side truly a sad day for me

John Jackson Rainbow Painting - December 31, 2021 at 03:21 PM



Thank you John...He liked you also..

Cheryl Gilliam - January 01 at 09:19 PM

RB

“ *Renee Brook lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam*



Renee Brook - December 31, 2021 at 10:23 AM

JL

“ *Johnny And Honey Lewis lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam*



Johnny and Honey Lewis - December 31, 2021 at 06:54 AM



“ *My favorites* ❤️



Breanna Payton - December 31, 2021 at 12:18 AM



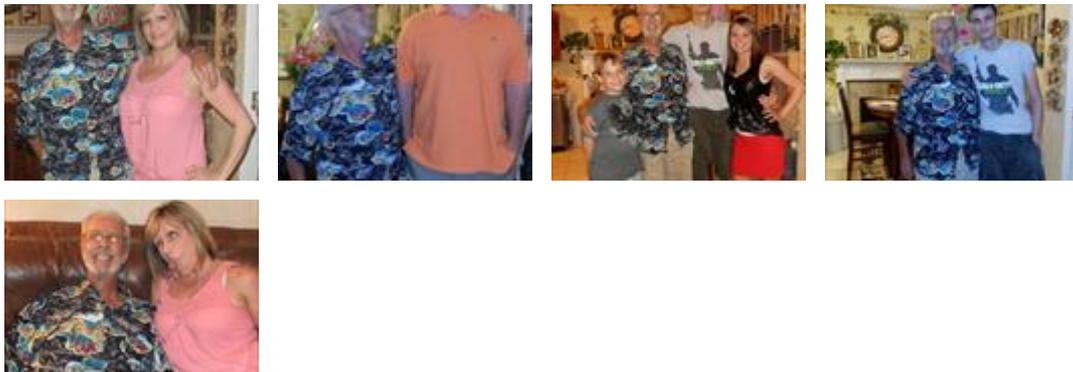
“ *The time you let me sit on your bike. I don't even think I got to ride it. I just got to sit on it! Lol*



Breanna Payton - December 31, 2021 at 12:16 AM



“ *8 files added to the tribute wall*



Breanna Payton - December 31, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ Paw Paw Nick,
 When I think of you the things that come to mind are 1st Lake Cumberland. Though I was young, I remember those times. You driving the boat (because you had to be in charge, lol). & seadews! Lord the seadews.. I mean moms email address for over 20 years has been seadew22.. she loved you. So much. & though we didn't have as much time as I would have liked, I loved you. You were a very strong willed, independent man. & lucky to have some very humble women in your life to put up with your strong willingness, lol. But with your independence came wisdom & for that I will be most grateful. In such a short period of time you managed to show me how to make bread, donuts, how to case sausage. All of those things took patience & that is a hard thing to teach. Another memory I have with you is your radio show. I was so proud. & you let me record a song to play on your radio!! Lord knows I did not pick up the musical trait, but you didn't care. You played my song just like it was Carrie Underwood or any of those old country singers on the radio. & boy was I proud! You may have only played it once but hey, I got some air time so I will take it. Lol! You will always be in our hearts. We love you forever! See you again!

♥ Little Beannie

Breanna Payton - December 30, 2021 at 11:55 PM

RB

Love this!.. I'm so glad you have those memories. Hold them forever in your heart.

Renee Gilliam Brook - December 31, 2021 at 12:04 AM

CG

He loved you guys in his own way, thats a fact.! love you bri and cj and J..

Cheryl Gilliam - December 31, 2021 at 10:42 AM

RF

“ One of my most favorite memories is on the weekend's uncle Nick and my dad would sign and play the guitar. All the kids would run around playing or sit and listen to them play . I will always cherish those moments. U helped make my child hood fun and living . Thank u uncle Nick for being a big part of my life

Regina Franklin - December 30, 2021 at 10:08 PM

RB

I love that!!♥

Renee Brook - December 30, 2021 at 10:49 PM

CB

I love this too !!

Cindy brooks - January 01 at 09:38 PM

CG

“ I will miss you , the house is still and everything is torn apart at this moment...for 29 years we were together..we were practically inseperable, we sang in churches in the beginning , and on the radio in miamisburg for the mission of mercy, it was an experience i had never had..tho my mom and dad had played music and sang since i was small and in grade school i was never the center of attention, but you brought me out and made me stand out and do it when i was so shy, You let me sing and you put together videos of my family to share..and you made me cassette tapes so i could share my talent with others..though your opinion of my talent was way greater than mine, you made me shine. We had lake getaways, we had cassino trips we had miles and miles of driving on the Big Rig, going to places i had never gone before and probably will never see again,we had boat rides, cookouts with friends, and sat uptown on the sidewalk at 1102 and made lots of friends from all the passerbys we met along the way, We lived in different places and i lived places i never thought i would, and we flourished and we hit bottom along the way ,but we always came back stronger because of your determination. Thank you for the crazy times..the bad times..the fun times and the sad times..i will never forget them or you. Until we meet again... Your Wife, Cheryl

Cheryl Gilliam - December 30, 2021 at 06:58 PM

RB

I'm crying!! That was great memories. Love you!

Renee Brook - December 30, 2021 at 07:24 PM

MM

“ Much love, Dave and Martha purchased the Mrs. Fields Large Combo Basket for the family of Nicholas Gilliam.



Much love, Dave and Martha - December 30, 2021 at 01:49 PM

RB

“ As a daughter, I have so many memories. Its hard to pick just 1. My most valuable memories are music related. He taught me all about music minus how to fully play an instrument. He had no patience when it came to that..but he did try to teach me the guitar when I was about 9. The only song I could play was Coal miners daughter. Of course I have forgotten how now but I plan on fixing that in the near future. He was the most talented man I know. He taught himself how to play every instrument he played, from guitar to drums. He played by ear which is very hard to do. But not for him. I wish I was half as talented as he was. I remember going camping as a child with him. Most of the time it was just him and me. Momma didn't really like camping so she would stay home. We would fish and sing.. He would let me clean the fish and I loved it! He would take me to blue grass barns where he played music and I'd sit in the audience until he called me up to sing a song or 2. It was always Coal miners daughter and In the pines. I loved it! We would also enjoy a chew every now and then. Yes I said chew, Redman actually. I could spit further than he could. Of course I've stopped that today but it sure was fun back then. I was for sure a daddys girl. We did everything together. But as I grew older we grew apart and we lost years together. It breaks my heart that I lost those years but atleast I have my childhood memories and I was there these past few months with him and also there when he left this world. My heart is broken. I will forever keep my memories in my heart for healing and I will miss you more than you will ever know.
Your only daughter,
Renee

Renee Brook - December 30, 2021 at 01:07 PM

HS

I meet Nick about 1972 at Ideal Concrete Products we worked together at the very beginning of the company. We helped build the plant together. During that time we talked about The Lord together as we worked . During the years we talked about Jesus, I know that Nick knew the Lord & is in his presence.
Lots of stories about Nick. He was a good friend Harold Stevens

hHarikd Stevens - December 30, 2021 at 01:47 PM

RB

I was born in 1972.. funny. Thank you for that memory..

Renee Brook - December 30, 2021 at 02:19 PM

CM

“ Prayers for all the Family,so sorry for your loss

Carolyn Gilliam Myers - December 30, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RB

Thank you Carolyn!

Renee Brook - December 30, 2021 at 01:07 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Gilliam Myers lit a candle in memory of Nicholas Gilliam



Carolyn Gilliam Myers - December 30, 2021 at 11:50 AM