



Tom Gilliland Jr.

December 12, 1959 - March 21, 2014

North Augusta, SC—Memorial Services for Mr. Tom Gilliland, Jr., 54, who entered into rest March 21, 2014, will be conducted Saturday evening at 6 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel with Veteran Honors. Interment will be private.

Mr. Gilliland was a native of North Augusta, SC, having resided in Virginia Beach, Virginia prior to returning to the CSRA 30 years ago. He was a graduate of First Colonial High School, received the Athletic High School All American Award and was inducted into the First Colonial High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Gilliland attended WestPoint Military Academy and graduated from Clinch Valley College in Wise, VA. He was a Christian, a United States Army Veteran and owner and operator of Auto Center Sales and Transport. Mr. Gilliland coached for fifteen years at the North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department, and coached Arena Football which led them to a World Championship. He was an avid NASCAR and college sports fan.

Survivors include his daughter, Katye Gilliland, North Augusta, SC; son and daughter-in-law, Shane and Dana Kendrick, Greenville, SC; his parents, Thomas O. Gilliland, Sr. and Corrie B. Gilliland, North Augusta, SC; two grandchildren, Parker Kendrick and Carter Kendrick; one brother, Darrell Gilliland, North Augusta, SC; a sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Brian Coleman, North Augusta, SC; a number of nieces and nephews; the mother of

his daughter, Kathy Gilliland, Greenville, SC; his significant other, Kelli Moore, Six Mile, SC.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Alan Doss, Barry Davis, Robert Cannon, John Barie, Draper Young and Teddy Faller.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to ASPCA, 199 Willow Run Rd, Aiken, SC 29801 or to the Sheppard Community Blood Center, 1533 Wrightsboro Rd, Augusta, GA 30904.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseycares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

MAR 29. 6:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Tom Gilliland Jr.



Posey Funeral Directors - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom Gilliland Jr.

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Tom Gilliland Jr.

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



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Darrell - May 29, 2014 at 12:51 PM

KG

“ As of this week I carry with me 27 years of memories through part of our 20s, our 30s, 40s and part of our 50s. You were my husband, father of my children and my friend. I we always love you in OUR own way as many others never understood. But we got it. I will truly miss you. See you on the other side.

Kathy Gilliland

Kathy Gilliland - April 07, 2014 at 11:09 AM

LH

“ May God Be With All Of You In This Time Of Pain And Sorrow. So Sorry To Hear Of Your Loss Of Your Loved One. Praying For The Family. Lynn Hurst

My Condolences To The Family. May God Be With Each Of You Thru Thus

Lynn Hurst - March 31, 2014 at 08:45 PM



“ I just heard of Tom's passing. I am so sad to hear this. He is my neighbor. I just spoke to him, not long ago. My heart , soul and prayers, got out to all of his family, friends and loved ones.

Deanna Dukes - March 31, 2014 at 07:46 PM

TM

“ Tom Sr., and family I just found out today about the passing of Tom Jr. He always had a kind smile and never a harsh word. I'm in total disbelief of his passing away at such a young age when life just really starts to begin. I can not express in words my sorrow for you and your family at this time of sorrow and heart ache. You all are in my prayers and thoughts. God Bless Tom Jr and the family he has left behind. He is with The Lord.

Tim Montoya

Tim Montoya - March 31, 2014 at 07:16 PM

CC

“ Corrie, Tom, and Darrell,
I was deeply saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Your family was very special to me at FCHS. My thoughts and prayers are with you now and with all the family members that I didn't have the pleasure of meeting.

*God bless and keep you,
Carolyn Cox, FCHS Math*

Carolyn Cox - March 28, 2014 at 05:39 PM

DA

Thank you Mrs. Cox for your thoughts and prayers. They are appreciated and needed. There is indeed one more immediate family member, and that is my our sister, Angela. She is 7 yrs. younger than myself.

Tom has a daughter named Katye. She is a beautiful young lady and you would definitely see Tom in her if you met her. Thanks again for your reaching out to our family.

Darrell

Darrell - March 31, 2014 at 07:05 PM

KE

“ Although I only met Tom once, I enjoy a friendship with Tom Sr. My condolences go to the family, and I will keep you in my prayers through this tough time.

Kevin Edwards

Kevin Edwards - March 27, 2014 at 08:31 PM

SC

“ On behalf of the entire Connell family, we are sad to hear of the passing of Tom. Our condolences and prayers to Tom's family, the Gilliland's, and my buddy/teammate Darrell. May God Bless you all! I was glad to see Tom, Darrell, and the Gilliland family last year when Tom was being honored and inducted in the FCHS Hall of Fame.

Sean M. Connell
FCHS Teammate and family friend

Sean Connell - March 27, 2014 at 08:37 AM

DA

Thank you Sean for your kind words. I will let my parents know that you reached out. I know they will appreciate this.
Thank you.

Darrell - March 27, 2014 at 10:42 AM

MM

“ Words cannot express my sadness in hearing of the passing of Tom. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with Tom’s family and friends. May you find sufficient strength in God’s Peace, Love and Grace!

Guy Morgan
FCH Team Mate & Friend

M. Guy Morgan - March 27, 2014 at 07:36 AM

RB

“ My condolences...still remember to this day when i took him surfing at VaBeach our senior year...he chipped his front tooth on a wipe out...RIP Tom.

Rodey Brinnk - March 25, 2014 at 08:24 PM

JM

“ To Tom's Family and Kelli, we only got to know Tom for a short period of time by him coming to Mile Creek Baptist Church with Kelli But it was like he had been there forever because he was so friendly and such a beautiful smile the first time he spoke to you. We so enjoyed him and Kelli together and he left a lasting memory with us.May God be with you all in the days to come. Fred & Julia McWhorter

Julia McWhorter - March 25, 2014 at 07:28 PM

HB

“ Our hearts are heavy with sadness. We are so sorry for the loss of a precious first born son, a loving father, a big brother, a fun uncle...whether family or friend, Tom's presence will be missed. Gilliland family~Know that our love, support, thoughts, and prayers are with you. Please let us know if you need anything. We love you all!
God Bless~

Hugh, Beverly, and Bennie - March 25, 2014 at 06:01 PM

HB

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DA

Thank you Hugh, Beverly, & Bennie for those kind words, thoughts, prayers, & love We need and cherish all.

Darrell - March 26, 2014 at 06:51 PM

AS

“ Goodbye Tom.....Best regards to you and yours.....Look forward to seeing that grin of yours on the other side...may your mazer always be full brother...Al Steffey TKI EE 60.

Al Steffey - March 25, 2014 at 12:20 AM

RC

“ It is hard for us to believe you are gone, but you will always be in our heart. You were a wonderful friend and father to Katie. She was the apple of your eye. It is hard to say good bye to a good friend. We love and miss you everyday.

Robert Lehmkuhl and June Carroll - March 24, 2014 at 11:09 PM

KG

Thank you for your support, kind words and thoughts.

Katye Gilliland - March 25, 2014 at 11:58 AM

JL

“ *I'll never forget all the times at the softball fields with our dads coaching and practicing with me and Katye every day! Katye, I can't begin to imagine the pain you must be feeling. You had a wonderful daddy and his goodness will continue when your children are lucky enough to have you as a mom. All of this will be because of the daddy Mr. Tom was to you. I love you Katye!*

Jordan Lark - March 24, 2014 at 08:44 PM

KG

Thank you, Jordan.

Katye Gilliland - March 25, 2014 at 11:55 AM

CA

“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Tom was not only a great athlete but also a good friend and a truly great guy. I will always remember the pick-up football games at Red Wing Park and the fun we all had back in the day! I am very sorry for your loss please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Chris Anders, Virginia Beach, VA*

Chris Anders - March 24, 2014 at 08:20 PM

EU

“ *It is with great sorrow and disbelief that Tom has passed away. I am truly sorry for the Gilliland family. Tom was a great human being as well as a great athlete. The majority of my memories of Tom occurred on the sports field. If he was half the man he was as a good sportsman, then he was a great man. I am sorry for your loss Darrell and will keep you and your family in my prayers. ED UPCHURCH*

ed upchurch - March 24, 2014 at 04:33 PM

DG

Thank you Eddie for those kind words. He definitely set the bar high in many ways.

Darrell Gilliland - March 25, 2014 at 12:39 AM

AC

“ *Tom, my oldest big brother. Words can not say how much you have been loved. Many hearts have been broken because of this loss. I have always looked up to you and Darrell and always wished we were closer in age. But that is not how mom and dad had us. I was last and I had to accept that. But I can not accept that you are gone, it does not seem real. It is too soon and it does not make sense. We have always been a close family and you have always been in it. Our family is broken and I can't believe it. No more egg hunts or games at Christmas with you. Oh gosh brother I miss you! I can not stop thinking about you. You will never be forgotten.*

Angela Coleman - March 24, 2014 at 03:05 PM

SG

Angie, my heart is so sad for you. I too, know the loss of my big brother. Little sisters have a special place in their hearts for their big brother. Take comfort in all your wonderful memories and know that he's in a special place and at peace. I also enjoyed spending time with Tom. He always had a smile on his face and could make you smile! I still remember when we were all together at your parents' house when Nana died. It was a day filled with good memories and a lot of smiles! Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sherre, Geoffrey, Jeremy and Jonathan Gay

Sherrie Gay - March 25, 2014 at 09:39 PM

TH

“*I am heartbroken over your loss. Darrell, you and your brother made such a wonderful effort to stay in touch with us, your old friends, and the last time I saw your gang was when you stopped by the farm with your parents and Tom's daughter. It was so nice of y'all to take time out of your busy schedules to visit - I can't believe Tom is gone from this earth - I hope he is resting God's grip as we speak :) Darrell and everyone - please know our family will miss Tom greatly and we hope the love and power of our Lord and Savior Jesus, will provide you strength during this time of loss. Tammy Burroughs Hindle and family :)*

Tammy Burroughs Hindle - March 24, 2014 at 01:16 PM

DG

Thank you Tammy. Tom and I would always remembered and speak about the way your family made our family feel welcome...especially our mom. She has many great memories of visiting your farm and picking strawberries. She always asks me how are "the girls" when I would come back from one of my beach trips. Congratulations on your union with Vince. May you make many great memories and may you have another lifetime to experience them.

Darrell Gilliland - March 25, 2014 at 12:51 AM

DL

“ Tom always seemed to be the most wonderful daddy! I can still see him down at the ball field with Katye! I am so very sorry for your loss Katye. It was so easy to see the love in your daddy's eyes for you.

Debbie Lark - March 24, 2014 at 10:10 AM

KG

Thank you Mrs. Debbie!

Katye Gilliland - March 24, 2014 at 12:39 PM

NK

“ I am stunned and extremely sad over Tom. This is a man that made a great mark on my life and I will always hold in the highest regard. He was not just around, but truly lived, and was a salt of the earth person.

Thank you Tom for all your love and time with me over the formative years of my life. I will carry your memory forward with me as a big piece of the puzzle that is Nick.

Your son at heart,
Nick Kmiecik

Nick Kmiecik - March 24, 2014 at 09:13 AM

KG

He loved you like his own son, Nick.

Katye Gilliland - March 24, 2014 at 09:33 AM

S(

“ Darrell, I'm so very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers this evening, hugs to you my friend.

Sheila Staton (James) - March 24, 2014 at 06:52 AM

DG

Thank you Sheila. Our family is grateful for the LOVE and PRAYERS the are being sent our way. He will indeed be missed, but he leaves us with many GREAT memories.

Darrell Gilliland - March 25, 2014 at 12:54 AM

KG

“ *I did not get to pick you out;
I never had a voice.
Just what I thought that you should be
No one gave me a choice.*

*And as for my opinion,
No one asked, but I must say,
You could not be more special
If I'd ordered you that way!"*

*Goes both ways, Dad. You could not have been a more perfect
father if I'd ordered you that way. I will miss you every day.*

-katye girl

Katye Gilliland - March 23, 2014 at 11:50 PM

ST

“ Dear Corrie and Thomas,
My heart is just breaking for you both on the passing of your son Tom. The death of a child, no matter what their age, is the most painful experience a parent can go ever go through but I know that our God will carry you through this journey of grief, just like he has for me. I am sure you have so many wonderful memories of your son. Keep those precious memories of Tom close to your heart and he will always be with you. Pat and I will continue to pray for you. I'll come see you soon.
With love and heartfelt sympathy,
Susan Toohey



Dear Angela and Darrell,
I am so sorry for the loss of your brother Tom. You both are going to have to be strong for your mom and dad. They will need your strength to help get them through this. If I can do anything or help in any way, just call me. You are in my thoughts and prayers!
With love and deepest sympathy,
Susan

Dear Katye and Shane,
So sorry to hear about your Dad. The couple of times that I was around him, he would talk about his kids. He was so proud of you both!
Love,
Ms. Toohey

Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Susan Toohey - March 23, 2014 at 09:55 PM

KG

Thank you, Mrs. Toohey.

Katye Gilliland - March 23, 2014 at 11:58 PM

AC

Thank you Susan for always being a good friend to me and my family. Thanks for your love and prayers as well.

Angela Coleman - March 24, 2014 at 02:54 PM

JP

“ *My thoughts are with you all as you face this sudden loss. Hold on to each other, there's so much love, and receive the comfort and peace we're all praying for you.*

Julie Pope - March 23, 2014 at 04:40 PM

JD

“ *Shane and Dana, so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your loved ones.*

Jane Dickerson

jane dickerson - March 23, 2014 at 03:34 PM

NE

“ *May the Lord comfort your entire family during this difficult time... Neil Stallard--Pi Kappa Phi # EE59*

neil - March 23, 2014 at 02:10 PM

LC

“ *Sweet Kayte, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lee Coyle - March 23, 2014 at 06:09 AM

PA

My prayers to the family and friends, May the Lord comfort and give strength to the family. I will always remember our racing days. Kayte, my thoughts are with you .

Pat Altman - March 23, 2014 at 04:48 PM

KG

Thank you, Mrs. Coyle.

Katye Gilliland - March 23, 2014 at 11:58 PM