



Charles Ray Gilliam

July 6, 1984 - September 17, 2018

Charles "Ray" Gilliam, died Monday, September 17, 2018, at his home at the age of 34. He succumbed to a quiet, insidious disease: depression disorder. Ray suffered valiantly from the ravages of this physically transparent illness for the last few years. Depression is as deadly as cancer or heart disease. It is a disease of the mind and one's mental outlook.

His family and friends remember how he combined his love of collecting old coins and jewelry into a career that allowed him to really love what he was doing, and to make a living for his family, while at the same time it was the pleasure he derived from helping others learn the value of the treasures that they owned. His family and friends reminisce about his ever-present smile and the warmth, depth and intelligence behind it. Most of all, they recall the sheer pleasure of his company, how good he made them feel, how free they were to be themselves around him, and how much they will miss him. Ray cared about people in the purest way. He loved them for who they were and because he wished the best for them, without guile and without asking anything in return. Ray had so much goodness, so much capacity to bring happiness to others and such a bright future. The world is a lesser place without him.

Ray truly enjoyed the little things in life, antiques, coin collecting, metal detecting, old jewelry, and auctions. He was passionate about his family and

friends, and loved every moment spent with his children.

Charles Ray Gilliam is survived by the love of his life, Deana Gann; children, Cadence Gilliam, Leighton Gilliam, Jon Griffin, Maleik Griffin, Cash Gilliam, Carly Gilliam, Alaina Gilliam, and Charlie Gilliam; mother, Elizabeth Gilliam, of TX; brothers, Shane Gilliam (Stephanie) of Sullivan, MO, and David Gilliam, of GA; sister, Ashley Gilliam, of Houston TX; the family dog Hank; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ruth Gilliam.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Brother Mick Thrasher officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 2:00PM until service time. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested a fund for his children, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James
117 Seymour St.
St. James, MO 65559
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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Ray Gilliam*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Charles Ray Gilliam*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *miss you endlessly*

me - November 04, 2021 at 02:10 PM



“ *love you forever x*



me - August 17, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *Lucas Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam*



lucas gilliam - January 13, 2020 at 10:22 PM

LE

“ Leighton lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam



Leighton - November 26, 2019 at 02:23 PM

CA

“ Cadence lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam



cadence - September 28, 2018 at 12:50 PM

TB

“ *The world will never be as good of a place as it was with Ray in it, just being his neighbor for a year I saw that. He would always be outside listening to his music and working on a project, just being productive and beyond as kind as anyone could be. It was always uplifting. If you ever needed help, Ray was there to do so before you'd even think to ask. Helping and caring for people seemed to be like second nature for him. Im so sorry to the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace, to the best neighbor, friend, and dad I have met yet.*



Tatum B - September 25, 2018 at 05:55 PM



Annette
Niemeyer

“ *Rest in peace buddy you were an amazing man. Till I see you again* ”



Annette Niemeyer - September 21, 2018 at 06:50 AM



AM

“ *Ashley McPherson lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam* ”



Ashley McPherson - September 20, 2018 at 03:13 PM



EK

“ *Edie Kennard lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam* ”



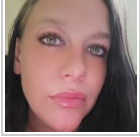
Edie Kennard - September 20, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Trista Rogers lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam* ”



Trista Rogers - September 19, 2018 at 06:03 PM



“ Ray was a good man who had a heart of gold. He would go out of his way to help anyone that was in need. I remember the first time i met ray he scared me half to death lol. He was sitting on his porch in the dark and i was standing on my porch here i am talking on the phone like no one is around and then alk of a sudden i see this skinny tall man walk into the night light and he just stands there with the light reflecting off his glasses and i looked and screamed and he started laughing and said is this your dog? Lol i said yes that's my dog sadie im so sorry and he said its not a problem shes ok. From that night forward my dog found a best friend not only with ray but also with his beautiful wife deana and their children. I knew if sadie didn't come to me when i called out for her i knew she was at rays (we all know she was there for hank) lol. I want you deana to know that i am so sorry for your loss and you and your family and rays family are in my thoughts and prayers. I also know that sadie and ray have reunited and are playing together and watching over all of you. I love you guys, and im so blessed to have gotten to have known you all.

Heather Bowles - September 19, 2018 at 04:56 PM

FY

“ Flo Yoebstl lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam



flo yoebstl - September 19, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ *Dana Lenderman lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam*



Dana Lenderman - September 19, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *Tiffney lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam*



Tiffney - September 18, 2018 at 10:58 PM



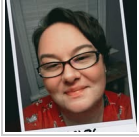
“ *Have lots of memories with Ray & the family. But I think my favorite are the times at the river. Love you Ray.*

Whitney Davis-Daniel - September 18, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ *RIP Ray! I'll always remember ur smile and cruising town in ur neon! U will be missed! My heart and prayers go out to your family!*

Sarah Franks - September 18, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ *Rebecca Parker lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam*



Rebecca Parker - September 18, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Liz Mccolgin lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam*

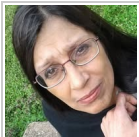


Liz Mccolgin - September 18, 2018 at 02:00 PM

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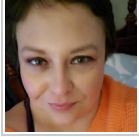
Depression is a debilitating disease. No one can understand it if you haven't lived through it. You just want the pain to stop. I pray for each member of the family and my deepest sympathy

Connie Elrod - September 18, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ *My heart is sadden but I know he's in a better place , he was a good friend to my son Joshua Ewing and I am grateful for that! My prayers and love to all his loved ones ! My heart breaks for all of you !! He knew me as mom Liz ! Xoxoxoxo*

Liz Mccolgin - September 18, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *Jennifer Karnes lit a candle in memory of Charles Ray Gilliam*



Jennifer Karnes - September 18, 2018 at 01:54 PM