



Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.

April 2, 1951 - May 2, 2016

Ed Gilley was born in Kansas City, Kansas on April 2, 1951. He graduated from Turner High School and served 6 years in the National Coast Guard. In October of 2001, he retired from General Motors after 31 years. He then decided to swap his boat racing hobby for fixing things that weren't broken... Motorcycles. Ed did what he wanted to do, when he wanted to do it. That included marrying Norma on September 27, 2013 in beautiful South Carolina. His memories live on through those who survive him. His wife, Norma; daughter, Fontana; son-in-law, Chris Dabbs; their baby, soon to be handpicked by Ed. Also survived by Ed is his grandkids, Trinity, L.J., Gary; sister, Patricia Keith; nephews and their families, Tim, Ali, Lux, Lynden, Dennis, Monica and Ashton Keith; as well as his many friends who all love him dearly. He lived his life fast forward, like his boats and bikes. He let you keep up if you dare, as you may know his wife Norma sure could. On May 2, 2016. Ed peacefully journeyed on from his childhood home to his eternal life, where his mom, Louise; dad, Chet; and brother-in-law Les all greeted him with open arms.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

Kansas City, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
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Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - May 05, 2016 at 11:28 AM

SH

Gilley was a wonderful person. Going to miss him alot.

Shelley - May 09, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ *Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Not a day passes that I don't think about you dad! I love and miss you dearly.*

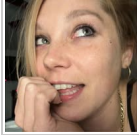


Fontana Dabbs - August 08, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Missing you daddy!*



Fontana Dabbs - December 20, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ *I always loved running into Silly Gilley and catching up on things and seeing how Fontana was doing. I use to love hearing all the stories Mike(Dodd) and Porki would tell about him. I'd laugh so much my stomach would hurt. He and my brother Ron Meyn had alot of good times together and now they are together again with Brutus too. He will be greatly missed. They are all missed.*

Laura Fruits - May 06, 2016 at 06:14 PM

PF

“ Eddie Gilley lived up the hill from us on Parkview in KC KS in the 80's we'd see him out at Slough Creek had heard about his Racing and my Husband Jack Frost drove to Topeka to view the late Sept Race in 1985. Then it was ON! We were ready to Race our Jet Boat in the 8 second Class in April! It was fun it was exciting but in 1989-90 a late night phone call from our neighbor Eddie Gilley gave us our Professional Opportunity to purchase his White Curtis 500 not just a Boat but a Norm Grimes massaged Curtis days later he sold us the Motor etc! It was ON ON 110% Eddie helped to pave the way ~ he set us in place he was their to answer questions told Jack how to pull the Barefoot Water-Skier that he had taken to a National Win! Eddie had s friend from Topeka Kansas named Reictor and together Reictor as the President and me as the VP began The KBRA a noted Drag Boat Racing Club. Fast Forward was the name of Eddie GilleysCasper - she had a brand new Tom Black Capsule along with a NHRA Randy Smith Aluminum Big Block Rodak a 3-speed Lenco a 1371 Blower all were massaged and ready with a brand new paint job by artist Joe Vestwebber of Kustom Kolor. We raced for 3 years and Jack won his Final Race in the Wichita Kansas in Sept. 1994 coming a cross the line the parachutes fail to deploy ~ the Boat was destroyed! Eddie Gilley got word he called Monday after Jack was back to work on Tuesday we bought a new Watercraft Hull in 1995 but 90% complete we never Raced it! God Rest his Soul thank you for your friendship


Pattie & Jack Frost - May 06, 2016 at 03:45 PM

PP

“ Phil Plomondon lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.



Phil Plomondon - May 06, 2016 at 02:09 PM

 Bruce Hollenbeck

“ *Such sad news, Eddie and I were friends and "fishing buddies" from our early years into our teens. Our families were especially close and we always vacationed in Minnesota every year. It was such a good time in our lives, and one that I will forever remember along with Eddie and his entire family. He was a great guy, fun and caring, and always up for an adventure. I know that even though I haven't seen Eddie in several years, I will miss him and I know that his family and friends share that sentiment. I'm pretty sure there is a fast car at the moment in heaven, or a motorcycle, or a speed boat.....and a knowing smile.*

Bruce Hollenbeck - May 06, 2016 at 12:07 PM

KS

“ *Kay Salvador purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr..*



Kay Salvador - May 05, 2016 at 03:15 PM

MD

“ *Michelle Domeier lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*



Michelle Domeier - May 05, 2016 at 02:49 PM

LC

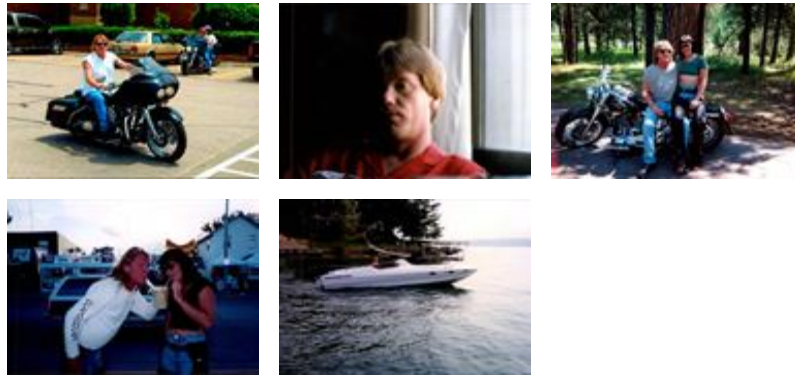
“ *Lori Corbin lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*



Lori Corbin - May 05, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *60 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - May 05, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *Glenda Ruth Smith lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*



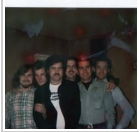
Glenda Ruth Smith - May 05, 2016 at 07:23 AM

DI

“ *My wildest friend ever I'll miss him*



Dave Ireland - May 04, 2016 at 11:37 PM



“ *John Beach lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*



John Beach - May 04, 2016 at 09:05 PM

TB

“ *Terry D Barger lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*



Terry D Barger - May 04, 2016 at 07:49 PM

GM

“ *Ginger Jackson Meysenburg lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.*



Ginger Jackson Meysenburg - May 04, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ Tammy Lang lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.



Tammy Lang - May 04, 2016 at 06:18 PM



“ Cindy Watson lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.



Cindy Watson - May 04, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ Allegion, Olathe purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr..



Allegion, Olathe - May 04, 2016 at 03:24 PM



“ Amanda Deal lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.



Amanda Deal - May 04, 2016 at 03:05 PM

JB

“ Gilley was always funny and ready to do anything. He always smile. I will miss him dearly. Prayers for his family.

Jamie Bishop - May 04, 2016 at 02:38 PM

RB

“ RIP Gilley, will miss you always xx



Rob and Roisin Bresseem - May 04, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ Ride with the Angels, Silly Gilly. I feel blessed to have reconnected with you and to have met your Beautiful Wife. My favorite day was when you came in with the grand kids to get Slurpees, I just loved seeing you that way! You were Happy and I could see it in your eyes. We will all miss you but Will never forget you!

Teresa Groves - May 04, 2016 at 10:52 AM

SG

“ Susan Garcia lit a candle in memory of Chester Edward Gilley, Jr.



Susan Garcia - May 03, 2016 at 10:18 PM