



Derek William Gillilan

August 17, 1988 - November 26, 2015

Derek William Gillilan, age 27 of Higginsville, Missouri died on Thursday November 26, 2015.

Born Wednesday, August 17, 1988 in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the son of Robert Keith Gillilan and Pamela Lea (Shafer) Gillilan.

Derek lived most of his life in Higginsville and was a 2007 graduate of Lafayette County C-1 high school. He then graduated in 2011 from Missouri Valley College. He was an Applications Administrator for Missouri Valley College in Marshall, MO. He was also a member of the Higginsville Country Club and involved in alot of sports.

He was a member and an elder of First Presbyterian Church. He was also the media coordinator for the church.

Surviving are his parents, one brother; Zac (Julia) Gillian; two sisters, Rachael (Eric) Meyers and Emma Pearl Gillilan; maternal grandmother Jo Shafer; paternal grandmother Barbara Gillilan; two nephews, Brady and Jason Meyers; one niece, Kinley Gillilan, all of Higginsville, MO.

A Funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Joe Carle officiating and Melody Coen, organist.

Interment will be in City Cemetery, Higginsville, MO.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 29, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church. Memorial contributions may be sent to American Heart Association or Lafayette County Cancer Coalition P.O. Box 88 Higginsville, MO 64037 or Derek Gillilan Scholarship Fund.

Casketbearers are Brett Gibson, Cory Soendker, Austin Morris, Zach Mahnken, Ryan Shafer, Matt Lovercamp and Dustin Green.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hoeferfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Derek William Gillilan*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Derek William Gillilan*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Derek William Gillilan*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Derek William Gillilan*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *Dear Gillilan and Shafer families,
You are all in my prayers during this hard time, and you will continue to be in my prayers for some time to come. My heart hurts for you, but having known all of you for a long time, I know you are strong in your faith. Let your faith support and carry you until you can walk on your own again. With love and longtime friendship, Melody Waller LaPreze*

Melody Waller LaPreze - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

NG

“ *Bob and Pam,
There are no words to express how sad we feel for you and your loss. Please know God is watching over you through this difficult time. We are keeping you in our prayers.*

Our love & hugs,

Don & Norma

Norma & Don Gadt - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

JB

“ *Pam and Bob,*

Words are insufficient to provide comfort in this time of sorrow. Our hearts and prayers are with the whole family. God bless!

Jon and Nancy Beale - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

RS

“ *Pam and Bob Gillilan and family-All we know to do is pray. Faith is testing all of us right now. We are with you. Ray and Jill*

Ray and Jill Sutherland - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

SD

“ *Our sincerest sympathyies. So very sorry for your loss.*

Shannon & Kermit Draisey - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

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AM

“ So sorry for your loss

Ann Miller - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

LP

“ I'm so very sorry Bob, Pam and family. There are no words, just know that God is there for all of you.

Laurie Payne - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

KS

“ Derek is loved by so many. He will be missed always.

Kelly Shafer - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

RE

“ So sorry to hear of your son passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Robin Eaton - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

GA

“ Such a loss Derek was a great person really enjoyed playing golf with him he always had a smile on his face. Sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers to the family. He will be missed.

Gary - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

KG

“ I pray for your family to have strength and peace through such an emotional life changing time. I can tell you are a wonderful loving family, my heart aches for your loss. God bless you.

Kristy Gash - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

SW

“ Our families thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Derek brought alot of memories and smiles to our faces and he was always such a joy to be around. During this difficult time we pray for peace in your hearts. Derek sure will always hold a special place in all my families hearts. May he rest in peace. It was an honor to have him as a part of our lives for the amount of time we did.

Sonya Woolery - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

RJ

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

Ryan and Nikki Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

RJ

“ Ryan and I are so sorry. We have thought of your family a number of times since we heard the news. Please know you're in our rights and prayers.

Ryan and Nikki Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God provide comfort in this time of sorrow.

June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

LR

“ My deepings sympathy to your entire family for the loss of a very fine man. My heart just aches for you.

Laura Rhoades - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss keeping your family in our prayers

Cindy McElhaney - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

DH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers...

Debbie Hoepner - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

DJ

“ Derek was a nice young man. I am so sorry for your loss.

Denise Jacobi - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

SM

“ Derek was a wonderful young man and I will miss him. He was a coworker and so helpful to everyone with his computer skills. My prayers and thoughts for the entire family.

Sandy Machholz - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

DL

“ Please know that your family is ever in our thoughts and prayers. Chelsea, Cameron and I just saw Derek last month at the bowling alley on a Sunday afternoon. It doesn't seem possible that he is gone. We were shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. We are so, so, so sorry. Words can't express our heartbreak on your behalf. May the Father wrap His loving arms around you and bring you comfort and peace. For the believer, the best life is yet to come. We are without our loved ones for just a very short while.

Dirinda Lacen - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

JG

“ Thanks for those amazing memories in college. Greatful to got to know you and call you a friend.

From Spain with love.

Juan Gimenez - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

JA

“ Bob & Pam, Sorry for your loss

John & Shirley Alexander - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

KL

“ I will ask but it is doubtful that I will be given permission to come to the celebration of life for Derek at this point of my recovery. I want you to know I will be there in spirit and believe the peace of God will strengthen and sustain you through the coming days, knowing Derek has entered into eternal life and that you will be reunited with him soon. It is difficult to go on with our earth life without him, but be comforted knowing you will be reunited with him and all your family members that have made that step into eternal life with God. Much love, Karen L.

Karen Luehrman - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

JT

“ Thoughts and prayers to Derek family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jessica Thompson - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

BS

“ Our deepest sympathies from the Mathis family. Wes and Barb, Brenda and family, Wesley and family

Brenda Schneider - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

JF

“ Our deepest condolences on the loss of your son. May your beautiful memories sustain and bring comfort to you during this difficult season.
Please accept our deepest sympathies. Our prayers are with you during this time.
May your memories of Derek and the love of your family surround you and give you strength and peace in the days ahead

John & Jeanne Sinnett and family - June 29, 2018 at 08:45 AM

DS

“ Your loss is beyond our understanding. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Deb and John Sturgess - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ Bobby, Pam and the entire family,

Our hearts are heavy with thoughts of your loss. Please know that you will be in all our prayers!

Jim and Veronica Beard - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

ML

“ I am very sorry for the loss of Derek. I pray for all of you. Derek was a wonderful young man. He will be missed by all.

Matt Lansford - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

DW

“ *Bob and Pam,
I am so sorry for your loss, no words to express how bad i feel.*

Derk

Derk Wampler - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

TM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you right now and we will keep you in our hearts in the days ahead. God be with you and give you His peace and comfort you.*

Terry & Marsha Madole - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

RK

“ *Our sincere sympathies with regard to the loss of Derek.
Love and prayers,
Russell and Laura Kasza*

Russell & Laura Kasza - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

CH

“ *Sincere condolences for the family.*

Christi Hicks - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

SC

“ *Although I will not be able to attend the visitation or funeral, I wanted you to know how sorry I am for your loss. You all have been in my thoughts, there are no words to convey the sadness my family and I feel.*

Scott Curtis - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

PS

“ We found Derek to be a wonderful young man in our relationship with him through the softball team. We hope that all the wonderful memories his family and friends have will help sustain them in this difficult time. We are sure he will never be forgotten by those who knew him. We especially offer our prayers for his family at this time. May his soul be at peace. We feel we were priveleged to have known him. Patrick and Mary Schmitt

Patrick and Mary Schmitt - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry for your loss.

jerry & Connie Maggert - April 28, 2018 at 10:19 AM

KB

“ We are so sorry for your loss, their are no words to express the sadness we feel for your family. May God light the path towards healing for your family.

Keith and Vicki Bill - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM