



John Thomas Gilliland

January 20, 1959 - July 10, 2023

John Thomas Gilliland, 64, Fort Gibson, OK, was born January 20, 1959, to Marvin W. and Annabelle (Kennedy) Gilliland and left this earth on July 10, 2023, at his home with his family by his side.

John grew up in Fort Gibson, OK where he also graduated high school in 1977. After graduating high school, he joined the United States Army and served as a mechanic. During his service, he received the Humanitarian Service Medal, Mechanic Badge, Expert Rifle M-16, and Good Conduct Medal. After John left the Army, he worked at A-1 Auto Repair as a mechanic in Muskogee until he retired.

John was an avid fisherman and hunter. He also loved working in his vegetable garden and taking care of his chickens. John also loved to cook. Anyone who showed up at his house, he wanted them to try what he cooked. He always gave out vegetables from his garden and fresh eggs from his chickens. John was one-of-a-kind and was definitely set in his ways. Anyone that knew him, knew that. John was an honest man and told it like it was, even if you didn't want to hear it. John loved his family and did whatever he could for them.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin W. and Annabelle Gilliland; sister, Karen Honeycutt; brother, Marvin H. Gilliland; and daughter, Kaylynn Bargas.

John leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Kay Gilliland of the home; daughters, Stephanie (Chris) Keeton, Charla Yandell, and Kristi (Bobby) Yandell; sister, Anita (Mike) Brawley; son-in-law, Berry Bargas; eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; extended family, and many friends.

A celebration of John's life will be held 12:30PM, Friday, July 21, 2023, at Fort Gibson National Cemetery Pavilion with Military Honors being observed.

The family of John Thomas Gilliland has entrusted his care, cremation, and service to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for John's family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Sandra Conn lit a candle in memory of John Gilliland*



Sandra Conn - July 19, 2023 at 09:07 AM

LF

“ *John you will be missed very much. I will always cherish the memories of you and Kay stopping in the store to buy your fishing supplies. Especially the minnows. John, Rest in Peace.*

Larry Fulton - July 18, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *38 files added to the album John's Family*



Clifford Garrett - July 16, 2023 at 03:55 PM

JS

“ *Janie Richard Slader lit a candle in memory of John Gilliland*



Janie and Richard Slader - July 16, 2023 at 02:52 PM

JS

“ You will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved you. You always told me the way you saw things whether I agreed or not. You were always there for me if I needed anything at all, like coming to Canyon Road and changing my flat tire when you could barely bend over in 100 degree heat. We will all take care of Kay and the family and will miss you always. Your niece, Janie

Janie Slader - July 16, 2023 at 02:50 PM

KY

“ We miss you so much! We are glad that you are no longer suffering. The boys and I will forever cherish all the memories! We will take good care of mom just like we promised! I know you are catching some big fish up there. We love you always and forever, your favorite daughter
Kristi



Kristi Yandell - July 15, 2023 at 02:09 PM

RC

“ I remember a snowball fight we had with John and my brother, Michael. It was boys against the girls. However, the snowball fight didn't last too long because we soon realized their snow was packed so hard, it felt like they were throwing rocks at us instead of snow. Soon as the first few girls ran into the house crying, my mom went outside only to discover they had frozen their snow first then packed soft snow around the frozen ones, thinking they wouldn't get caught. John was honery like that.

Rhonda Lea-John's cousin - July 13, 2023 at 07:41 PM

SK

“ We sure will miss you and your stubborn ways, but it gives us some comfort to know you are no longer in pain. We love you so much! Your daughter Stephanie

Stephanie R Keeton - July 13, 2023 at 11:31 AM

SK

“ Stephanie Keeton lit a candle in memory of John Gilliland



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JH

“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of John Gilliland*



James Harris - July 12, 2023 at 11:32 PM

BH

“ *John was a very nice person who always helped us out when needed he will be missed by all that knew him.*

Berry and Beverly Harris - July 12, 2023 at 06:05 PM

JP

“ *Joy Parker/Perry lit a candle in memory of John Gilliland*



Joy Parker/Perry - July 12, 2023 at 12:19 AM