



Tex Owen Gilliam

May 14, 1940 - December 31, 2020

Tex Owen Gilliam, 80, of Fort Gibson, was born May 14, 1940 in Muskogee, OK to Ira Herbert and Buelah Lee (Harris) Gilliam and peacefully passed away Thursday, December 31, 2020 at his home in Fort Gibson.

Tex received his formal education at Riverside School in Muskogee and SDA School in Gentry, Arkansas. In August 1963, he proudly enlisted in the United States Army. He served as a specialist with AMeds and was honorably discharged October 1965.

In his younger years, Tex worked with his family at Gilliam Broom & Supply. He also worked at Fort Gibson Public Schools in the Maintenance Department before working at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. In his later years, Tex worked with his family again at Strike Pipeline. He was a faithful member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Muskogee for many years. When Tex was not at work, you could find him with a fishing pole in hand. He loved to travel with friends and family. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Tex is lovingly survived by his wife, Sandra Gilliam of the home; sons, Kelly Gilliam and his wife Dianna of Fort Gibson, OK and Jeffrey Gilliam and his wife Crystal of Louin, MS; grandchildren, Brock Gilliam, Morgan Gilliam, and Jace Gilliam all of Fort Gibson, OK; Lexi Gilliam of Muskogee, OK; Zack Gregory and Macie Gregory of Conroe, TX; and Tanner Guynes of Louin, MS; special family members, Anthony Harris of Conroe, TX; John Piragine of Brazil; Ray Isbell of Braggs, OK; and Jeff McElhaney of Hitchita, OK; nephews, Steve Bietz, Doug Bietz, Kevin Gilliam, Greg Gilliam, and Kent

Gilliam; sister in laws, Martha Shipley, Barbara McFarland, and Bettie Jordan; brother in law, Rowe Dean Ragsdale; cousins, Maxine Dixon, Vicky Beutler, and Randy Gilliam; extended family and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Irel Dean Bietz; and brothers, Charles Gilliam, Delano Gilliam, and Lorin Gilliam.

Viewing for Tex will be 12PM-7PM Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Fort Gibson.

A graveside service celebrating Tex's life will be 2PM Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery will Jerry 'Butch' Cook officiating.

Brock Gilliam, Morgan Gilliam, Jace Gilliam, Rick Rolland, Greg Gilliam, and Rod McFarland will serve as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers will be William Raper, Claude Fields, John Gragg, Jerry Gragg, Mike Gragg, James Holmes, Lyle Tolbert, Steve Paris, and Ricky White.

Masks and social distancing are required at cemetery.

The family of Tex Owen Gilliam has entrusted his care, services and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Tribute Wall



“ *Tex Owen Gilliam*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.*



January 06, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *Many great memories with Tex including barreling across Fort Gibson or 'killer, as he called Tenkiller, while throwing a giant rooster tail behind his bass boat. He would pull up to one of hundreds of crappie honey holes he had found and have three fish in the boat before I could put a line in the water. When the fish didn't bite, he would reel in his line, fire up the boat and say "Let's do something different even if it's wrong." That meant we were moving to another spot. His dedication to fishing was indicative of his approach to all aspects of his life. I will miss him.*

Steve Paris

Steve Paris - January 05, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.*



January 04, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.*



January 04, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.*



January 04, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *The Etheridge Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.*



The Etheridge Family - January 04, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.



January 03, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.



January 03, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.



January 02, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Tex Owen Gilliam.



January 02, 2021 at 10:00 AM

KJ

“ So sorry for your loss. Steve and my mom always spoke so highly of Tex and his family, I know he will be missed. You all are in my prayers!

Kathy Martin Jones - January 01, 2021 at 01:29 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of you loss our thoughts and prayers for you and your family

Joe and Jeanette Karnes - January 01, 2021 at 11:28 AM

RG

“ Sandra, I was so glad to get the chance to meet Tex. I didn't know him well but he chose you to spend his life with. That is enough for me. Thoughts and prayers to you and all the Family. Hope to see you in 2021 with God's help, we will. May God Bless you and your whole Family more and more.
Hugs to you Girl, big and tight ones.

Ray Gootee and Family

Ray Gootee - January 01, 2021 at 10:30 AM

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“ THOUGHTS & PRAYERS TO ALL THE FAMILY

TONYA GANN - January 01, 2021 at 07:47 AM

JM

“ Sincere condolences Sandra to you and your family. May God give you comfort and sweet memories. Hugs and prayers. 🙏❤️ Janice

Janice Huggins Mitchell - January 01, 2021 at 12:26 AM

HH

“ *Sandra and Family,*

It is with heavy hearts that we are having to think about Tex in the past tense. We have lost a great man whose presence made the world a better place. You were blessed with having him by your side for so many years. There was never any doubt how much love the two of you two shared. He will be missed and you will be lonely, but always remember the good times you had together. Please know that you will never be far from my thoughts over the coming weeks. Hope to see you soon for a visit.

*Love you,
Helen Haynes*

Helen Haynes - January 01, 2021 at 12:13 AM

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“ *Prayers for you, Kelly, & family!*

The McIntosh Family

Alma Pickle - December 31, 2020 at 08:57 PM