



Richard Dean Gillies

April 14, 1947 - November 1, 2013

Richard Dean Gillies passed away suddenly on November 1, 2013 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the age of 66. He was born April 14, 1947 to Sinclair Daniel Gillies and Camille Jensen. He married his beloved wife, Donna Ruth Layman on February 4, 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Surviving family members include his wife, Donna, his mother Camille Polinelli, 4 brothers, Terry, Duane, Victor and Marc. Surviving children and their families include: Karey Barbee (daughter), spouse Vance and children Rachel and Ian. Duane Gillies (son), spouse Valerie and children Kamry, Makiah and Venice. Eric Gillies (son), spouse Johanna and children Joshua, Caleb and Sarah. Nina Jackson (daughter) and children Braden and Larissa Jackson; Cannon, Brooklyn and Cameron Jensen. Thomas Gillies (son) and child Shane Clifford. Spencer Gillies (son), fiancé Angelina Madrid and children Selah, Daniela, Myriah and Gabriel. Ruth Corrigan (daughter) and spouse Mike and children Kamen, Kyler and Chloe.

Richard spent his life serving others. He served a mission as a young man in the western United States and a second mission with his wife in the West Valley Addiction Recovery Mission. He proudly wore his white shirt and name tag and enjoyed helping others turn the Savior for healing. His favorite song was "In the Arms of His Love" by Janice Kapp Perry.

He served in several scouting and youth callings as well as two bishoprics. Many will remember his fireside “stick dances” and his use of humor to make people laugh. He volunteered for many years with the Boy Scouts of America and had a profound positive impact on many youth. He was an outdoor enthusiast – winter camping with a tent was a luxury for him. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends at the park. He loved to cook and grill. His signature hamburgers called “Gillies burgers” were a favorite for many. He also served in the community as coach and president of the Hunter Little League baseball program.

Richard was a hard worker. He began with a paper route at age 7. Beginning in 1967, he started a long career in the sign industry. In 1985, he started a family sign business called Gillies Signs and Design. He was well known and admired throughout the industry.

A viewing will be held at the Hunter 17th Ward LDS Church, 3745 South 6400 West, on Tuesday, November 5, at 6:00 PM and Wednesday, November 6, at 10:00 AM with a funeral service following at 11:00 AM. The family wishes to thank friends and family members - too many to mention – who have supported Richard throughout his life’s journey. His motto in life was “Don’t worry be happy!”. □

Cemetery Details

Midvale City Cemetery

445 West 7500 South
Midvale, UT 84047

Previous Events

Family Viewing

NOV 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Hunter 17th LDS Ward
3745 S. 6400 W.
West Valley, UT

Funeral Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Hunter 17th LDS Ward
3745 S. 6400 W.
West Valley, UT

Tribute Wall

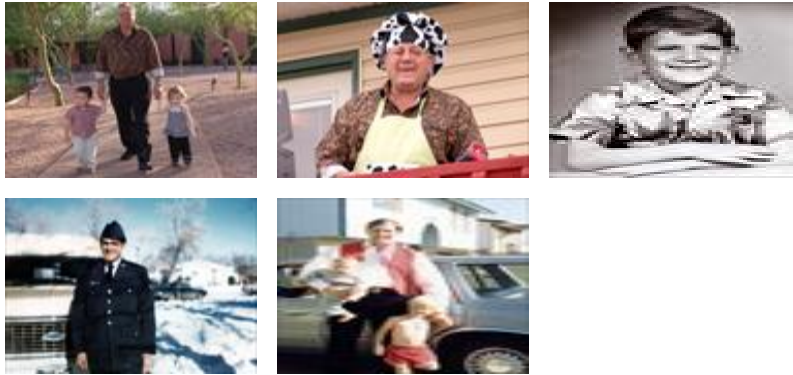


“ *Richard Dean Gillies*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



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Eric Gillies - November 05, 2013 at 03:55 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Dean Gillies.*



November 05, 2013 at 03:51 PM

MS

“ *Mel & Kirk Green, Marty McGhie & Dan Spangenberg purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Richard Dean Gillies.*



Mel & Kirk Green, Marty McGhie & Dan Spangenberg -
November 05, 2013 at 03:38 PM

RV

“ *Duane, I am so sorry to hear of the sudden death of your father, our prayers are with you and your family, I am here if you need anything. May he rest in peace...Rich Valdez, Bountiful, Ut.*

Rich Valdez - November 05, 2013 at 02:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Dean Gillies.*



November 05, 2013 at 01:37 PM

DH

“ *I will always be grateful to Richard for his warm welcome when I was first entering the sign industry. He was one of those rare persons you encounter that you are the richer for having met and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and best wishes to his family.*



Daryl Hanson - November 05, 2013 at 12:09 AM

PI

“ *Paddock Imports purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Richard Dean Gillies.*



Paddock Imports - November 04, 2013 at 05:03 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Dean Gillies.*



November 04, 2013 at 04:37 PM

LK

“ *Our Dear Richard, our friend.. Elder Gillies our Brother. You will be so missed here on this side of the veil.. But we know that you are doing a great work with our Heavenly Father on the other side of the veil. Know that you are so loved! You and Donna are such great people! Until we meet again our dear friend! All of our love and devotion!*
Lyle and Barbara Kendall, Walter and Abra Smith.

Lyle Kendall - November 04, 2013 at 03:31 PM

KS

“ *Dewy and family,
We are so sorry for the sudden loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*
Kathleen and Craig Stone

Kathleen Stone - November 04, 2013 at 12:10 PM

MC

“ *I miss and love you very much Richard*

Mike Corrigan - November 04, 2013 at 10:59 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Richard Dean Gillies.*



November 04, 2013 at 09:54 AM

PH

“ *Camille, Duane, Terry, Vic, Marc.....I am at a loss for words as to my feelings since I learned that Rick had passed away so tragically. It's like I have lost a member of my own family since we all grew up together so many years ago. Rick was always a happy person and knew how to have fun. I can just imagine the fun when all you boys got together. I hope and pray that Heavenly Father will bless and comfort all of you as well as Donna and family. Life will not be the same without my brother Rick. I send you ALL my love. Peggy Almond Hall*

Peggy Almond Hall - November 04, 2013 at 09:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Dean Gillies.*



November 04, 2013 at 08:08 AM



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Serenity Funeral Home - November 03, 2013 at 04:11 PM