



Michael A. Gilliam

February 10, 1964 - January 20, 2022

Michael “Mike” A. Gilliam, 57, of Clayton, left this world all too soon on January 20, 2022, while in the care of Hendricks Regional Hospital. He was born in Indianapolis on February 10, 1964, to Ellis C. and Betty J. (Dixon) Gilliam.

Attending Avon High School, Mike proudly graduated with the class of 1984. Extremely talented in all aspects of life, he joined the IBEW 481 working as a journeyman electrician for several companies throughout the years, and most recently Shambaugh and Sons. Introduced to his future wife Stephanie by his sister, the pair hit it off instantly, falling fast in love. They sealed the deal on May 12, 2001, and spent the next 20 years happily married. With a desire to share their love and deep bond, Mike and Stephanie turned their dynamic duo into a tremendous trio with the birth of their only son, Michael Jr.

Born to excel in his all endeavors, Mike’s talents knew no limits. He was knowledgeable and gifted in everything he did, from electricity, HVAC, woodworking, and mechanics; his aptitude for DIY projects surpassed all others. Being in, on, or around water brought him contentment and the family enjoyed taking their newly purchased Stingray 180 onto the surrounding lakes. Funny, witty, and outgoing, he was known to tell risqué jokes, bringing out hearty laughs in everyone he met. Above all, he was truly a devoted father to Michael. The father/son bond they shared was deep rooted in love and

light. Mike passed on his wisdom, teaching him, by doing with him. They were best buds and thick as thieves, working on cars together, going to diesel truck events, car shows, shooting guns, or just hanging out in the garage listening to music and enjoying some well-deserved beers. He was a genuinely devoted husband and father and leaves a void that will never be filled.

Mike is preceded in death by his father Ellis Gilliam, and brother, Paul Gilliam.

He leaves behind his wife Stephanie L. (Bath) Gilliam of Clayton; adored son Michael A. Gilliam, Jr. of Clayton; sisters Deborah Klutts (Kevin) of Plainfield, Susan Kurtz of Monrovia, Michele Bair (John), of Plainfield; along with his nieces Ashley Hempfling (Travis) of Mooresville, Sara Janniche (Matt), Jennifer Bair, all of Plainfield.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation on Tuesday, January 25, from 4 to 7pm., at the funeral home. A Celebration of Life Service will begin promptly on Wednesday, January 26 at 12pm, with an additional hour of calling held prior. Pastor Mark Boswell will officiate services and Mike will ride in the back of Michael's 1992 Dodge Ram W250 for entombment in Maple Hill Cemetery. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Mike's memory, search @MonroviaFuneralHome on social media or visit his tribute at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

709 Harding St
Plainfield, IN 46168

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

JAN 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Deborah lit a candle in memory of Michael A. Gilliam*



Deborah - January 25, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Michael A. Gilliam.*



January 25, 2022 at 08:10 AM

AS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Mark and Anne Smith

Anne M Smith - January 24, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Michael A. Gilliam.*



January 24, 2022 at 02:53 PM

JF

“ Jay Rosengarten & family purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Michael A. Gilliam.



Jay Rosengarten & family - January 24, 2022 at 11:08 AM

CM

“ Rest in God's loving arms Mike. You will leave such a void in so many lives, but there are so many beautiful memories you leave us with. With love Cameron and Carolyn

Carolyn Mobley - January 23, 2022 at 08:17 PM