



David L. Gillis

May 2, 1960 - July 24, 2023

David Gillis, a loving husband, brother, and uncle, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2023, at the age of 63. He was surrounded by his family, who will miss him dearly.

David was born on May 2, 1960, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, to the late Leo and Rose Marie (Krawinski) Gillis. He graduated from Hanover Area High School in 1978 and attended Bloomsburg University, where he majored in Communications receiving his BA in 1982. David married his true love Rita in 1990. They settled in Burlington Township and enjoyed over 33 years of happiness together.

David worked in the finance and retail industries for over 40 years. He was respected by his colleagues and customers for his professionalism and integrity. He was also a generous and active member of his community, volunteering at various charities and organizations.

David was an avid sports fan who loved rooting for the hometown Phillies along with being a Penn State and NY Jets loyalist.

He also loved traveling with his family and friends, exploring different places around the US. Some of his favorite destinations were Sanibel Island and Las Vegas.

David is survived by his wife, Rita (Giulian); siblings Leo (Eileen) Gillis Jr., Marybeth (Edward) Zekus, Matthew (Holly) Gillis; brother-in-law Karl (Amy) and nieces and nephews, Andrew Gillis, Emily Gillis, Robert Giulian, Cate Giulian, Karl Giulian, and David Giulian.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend David's viewing on Monday, July 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly and Tuesday, August 1 from 9:30-10:15 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 260 High St., Mt. Holly. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM at the church. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Philadelphia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital (<http://www.stjude.org>) in Dave's memory.

David will always be remembered for his kind heart, his sense of humor, and his passion for life. He touched many lives with his love and generosity. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, Dave.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Viewing

AUG 1. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church in Mount Holly
260 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ

Tribute Wall

RG

“ Rest in Peace my Friend 🙏 Thank you for always being such a good friend! All the memories of you will always bring a smile. I am going to truly miss you my friend. Heaven is celebrating you today. Forever in our hearts. ❤️ 🙏



Regina Germano - August 01, 2023 at 12:56 PM

TB

“ Six years ago, I met Dave, and he was such a kind, sweet, and remarkable man. I had the honor of being trained by this beautiful person. He would always be available whenever I had any questions about a process. I remember a time when my daughter was misbehaving in school around Christmas time, and I told Dave. He did not hesitate and told me he would pretend to be Santa Claus. My daughter received Dave's call, and she was so happy that she changed her attitude. There wasn't anything too big or small Dave wouldn't do for someone. He will truly be missed.

Tamika Britt ❤️ 🙏 ❤️

Tamika Britt - July 31, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.



July 31, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.*



July 30, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *It was a pleasure having Dave on my football team at Hanover Area. Deepest condolences to the family.*
Steve Brezna

Steve Brezna - July 30, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.*



July 30, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Rebecca Edwards & Debra Twining planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Gillis.*

Rebecca Edwards & Debra Twining - July 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Gillis.*

July 28, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.*



July 28, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *John & Mary Beth Hartzell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Gillis.*

John & Mary Beth Hartzell - July 28, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *John & Mary Beth Hartzell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David L. Gillis.*



John & Mary Beth Hartzell - July 28, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.*



July 28, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.



July 27, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ To David's family & my friend MB- Please know I am thinking of you & keeping you in my heart, mind & prayers.

Amanda Polney - July 27, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.



July 27, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ Dave was truly witty and always had a smile on his beautiful face. He made me laugh so many times when we were together with him and Reet. I could always tell he adored his sweet Rita to the ends of the earth. Rest in peace, my friend Dave

Forest Kairos - July 27, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.*



July 27, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Gillis.

July 27, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I shared many walks with Dave from our office in Philadelphia to wait for the PATCO train over the years. He lived right down the street from my dad, so we had many "neighborhood" talks. He was always smiling, always positive, and just a really sweet great guy. He will be sorely missed. Sending my condolences to his wife and family.*



Brianna Ford - July 27, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ *Dave was one of the most genuine people I've ever worked with. I remember I excited he was for me and my family when we purchased our home. It was like he was the one who bought it! That's just the type of guy he was. Such a kind soul and just a great person. Will miss you buddy.*

Jason McGregor - July 27, 2023 at 09:47 AM

RE

“ Working side by side with Dave for over 10 years gave me a chance to know one of the kindest, funniest person I ever met. On top of that we shared the same birthday which made us even closer. He was like my big brother! I love you Dave and will miss you greatly!



Rebecca Edwards - July 26, 2023 at 10:34 PM

MF

“ David,
A good friend and even better man whose life ended far too early. Many lasting memories of our time as roommates at Bloomsburg University. I will know you are in heaven if the New York Jets win the Super Bowl this year.
Rest in peace my friend.

Mark Farnan

Mark Farnan - July 26, 2023 at 09:15 PM

RC

“ Remembering David fondly. Always a bright smile and a warm hug. My sincerest sympathy to Rita. We may not be close at hand, but are always close at Heart.

Ronnie Casey-Shaffer - July 26, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David L. Gillis.

July 26, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David L. Gillis.*



July 26, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *MaryAnn & Tim Tobin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David L. Gillis.*

MaryAnn & Tim Tobin - July 26, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ *MaryAnn & Tim Tobin purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of David L. Gillis.*



MaryAnn & Tim Tobin - July 26, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ *Dave always complimented Tim on a good retirement and told us he was looking forward to his. A real tragedy that his life ended far too soon. Our hearts and prayers are with Rita.*

MaryAnn & Tim Tobin - July 26, 2023 at 04:02 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rita Gillis - July 26, 2023 at 12:45 PM

MM

Beautiful picture, Rita. While I never met your wonderful husband, I always enjoyed hearing about him during our many conversations at the office. God bless. - Melanie

Melanie Malewicz - July 27, 2023 at 09:21 AM

NK

Rita... My heart is broken. I know Dave was the love of your life and you shared a beautiful one together. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you.

Nathalie Kurzawa - July 27, 2023 at 10:49 AM

TD

Rita... What a beautiful picture!! I know you are hurting but I am here if you need anything... Love you & God Bless!!

Terri Drumm - July 27, 2023 at 11:01 AM