



Kenneth Ray Gillette

January 24, 1954 - August 16, 2015

Kenneth Ray Gillette, the youngest of seven boys born to the union of the late James Edwin and Myrtle Alice (Maxey) Gillette, was born January 24, 1954 in St. Charles, Missouri where he attended school and graduated from St. Charles High School in 1972.

After graduation, Kenneth attended North East Missouri State University (now Truman State), Kirksville. He graduated in 1976 with a BSE in Physical Education.

While attending college, Kenneth met the love of his life, Terri Lynn Moore. They were united in marriage on May 17, 1975 in Chariton, Iowa. They were blessed with their first child in 1977, Vennissa, who was the “apple of his eye”. In 1984, their second child, James was born; their miracle baby because of a birth defect.

After Kenneth graduated from college, he and Terri moved to Dixon, Missouri where she had been hired to teach. After various teaching jobs, Kenneth decided teaching was not for him and began working for the United States Postal Service in the late 1980's. He worked out of St. Peters, Missouri until his retirement in 2006.

In his spare time, Kenneth enjoyed collecting items; whether it was stamps,

coins or antiques. He loved going to auctions and sales to find items. He was a loving son and brother and helped care for his mother and brother until they passed. Most importantly, he loved spending time with this family.

Kenneth passed away Sunday, August 16, 2015 in his home having attained the age of 61 years, 6 months and 23 days. He will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Kenneth leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Terri Gillette of Waynesville, MO; one daughter: Vennissa Shaffer (Tom) of Richland, MO; one son: Jimmy Gillette of Waynesville, MO; two brothers: Larry Gillette of San Antonio, TX, and Wayne Gillette of St. Charles, MO; two grandchildren: Rebekah and Jacob Shaffer; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by four brothers: Don, Melvin, John and James Gillette.

Funeral services were held at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 2015 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. Soloist Harold Bradshaw sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow". The songs "Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum and "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" by Neil Diamond were played.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Kenneth Gillette to the Delancey Street Foundation, 600 Embarcadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94107 or may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth Ray Gillette*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 26, 2015 at 02:37 PM



“ *Kenneth Ray Gillette*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *93 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 20, 2015 at 09:03 AM

MP

“ *Melissa, Clinton And Jared Peterson lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Gillette*



Melissa, Clinton and Jared Peterson - August 20, 2015 at 06:42 AM

WB

“ *Jimmy and family, our deepest sympathy and condolences from the Registration staff at the MOB at PCRMC. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Wendy Berkelman - August 19, 2015 at 10:58 AM

PG

“ *PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Gillette*



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - August 18, 2015 at 10:49 PM

DH

“ *My condolences to all of Ken's family. I worked with Ken at the St. Peter's post office and considered him a friend.*

Dixie Hammon - August 18, 2015 at 04:44 PM

DH

“ Dixie Hammon lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Ray Gillette



Dixie Hammon - August 18, 2015 at 02:05 PM

SS

“ Sharon Squires lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Ray Gillette



Sharon Squires - August 18, 2015 at 11:27 AM

MS

“ Tom, Vanessa, Rebecca and Jacob
Please know that you all are in my thoughts
and prayers, your loved one will always be with
you in hearts and memories, May GOD Bless
you all with peace, comfort and strength during
this difficult time.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL

LOVE IN CHRIST

SISTER MARLIN STEVENS

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH



MARLIN STEVENS - August 18, 2015 at 08:34 AM

RY

“ Roy And Janet York lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Ray Gillette



Roy and Janet York - August 18, 2015 at 08:22 AM

WS

“ Warren And Gerlinde Schivley lit a candle in
memory of Kenneth Ray Gillette



Warren and Gerlinde Schivley - August 18, 2015 at 08:19 AM

RG

“ Renae Gregory lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth Ray Gillette



Renae Gregory - August 17, 2015 at 10:43 PM

RH

“ Terri, Gladys and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you.

Randy Hoffmann - August 17, 2015 at 09:42 PM

KL

“ Terri, we send our condolences and prayers to you and your family. So sorry to hear of your loss. If you need anything let us know. Karen and Jeff Leonard and family.



Karen Leonard - August 17, 2015 at 09:00 PM

LC

“ Laurie Cook lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Gillette



Laurie Cook - August 17, 2015 at 08:08 PM

KE

“ Mr. Gillette was a hoot! I remember his 7th grade class very well. He then encouraged my 5th grade students to collect stamps. Ken always had a smile and joke. I'm very sorry for your grief.



Kelly - August 17, 2015 at 08:04 PM



“ Miranda Young lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Gillette



Miranda Young - August 17, 2015 at 07:38 PM

LG

“ *Laura Goff lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Ray Gillette*



Laura Goff - August 17, 2015 at 06:28 PM

PP

“ *The Pulaski County Area Retired School Personnel offers our sincerest sympathy in your loss. May you be blessed with strength and comfort.*

Pulaski Co. Area Retired School Pers. - August 17, 2015 at 06:27 PM

MW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in such a difficult loss. Please know that we love you all and are continuing to pray for you in the difficult days ahead.*

Martin and Georgia White - August 17, 2015 at 06:24 PM

VZ

“ *Terri & Vennissa,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Mr. Gillette. These words from Emily Dickinson have always given me comfort.*



*"This world is not conclusion;
A sequel stands beyond;
Invisible as music
But positive, as sound,"
Prayers for your family.
Vicki Zwickelmaier*

Vicki Zwickelmaier - August 17, 2015 at 06:01 PM