



1SG (Ret) Kim Allen Gillen

January 8, 1956 - August 28, 2020

Kim Allen Gillen, son of Everett Densel Gillen and Carol Jean Turner, was born January 8, 1956 in Waterloo, Iowa. As a young boy, the family moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas where he grew up and attended school until the 11th grade. The family moved to Fredonia, Kansas and Kim graduated from Fredonia High School.

Shortly after graduating, Kim entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement after 22 years of service. He had attained the rank of First Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol Bar, Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W Bar and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.

While stationed in Panama with the military, Kim met a young lady by the name of Emerita Amy Torrero. They were united in marriage on August 1, 1980 in Panama and just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They were blessed with three children: Jeremy, Chris and Alicia and many

wonderful memories.

After retiring from the military, Kim continued serving his country as a GS Civil Service employee. He worked as a Force Structure Analyst for the Military Police Corps and retired after 17 years of service.

In his spare time, Kim enjoyed being outdoors while fishing, but his greatest enjoyment was just getting to spend time with his family. He loved them dearly, especially the grandchildren, and looked forward to every time they could be together.

Kim passed away Friday, August 28, 2020 in the Mercy Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 64 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Kim leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Amy Gillen of the home; his mother: Carol Turner of Fredonia, KS; three children: Jeremy Gillen of Richland, MO, Chris Gillen (Andrea) of St. Robert, MO and Alicia Proctor of Columbia, MO; three grandchildren: Jason Gum, Aiden Proctor and To'a Te'o Gillen; three brothers: Bill Gillen (Van) of Atlanta, GA, Shawn Larocque (Lisa) of Fredonia, KS and Michael Gillen of Fredonia, KS; two sisters: Valarie Jordan (Roger) of Fredonia, KS and Robin Price (Andy) of Billerica, MA; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Kim was preceded in death by his father: Everett Densel Gillen.

Kim was a leader and motivator. He was always encouraging his family to keep moving forward and they could accomplish anything they set their minds to. That legacy will live on in our hearts forever.

Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2020 in the

Christ Mission Church of St. Robert, Missouri with Pastor Jeff Brown officiating. Kim's sons, Jeremy and Chris, recalled their wonderful memories of their father. The songs "That's My Job" by Conway Twitty, "Like A Rock" by Bob Seger and "Even Though I'm Leaving" by Luke Combs was played. Serving as escorts were Jeremy Gillen, Chris Gillen, Bill Gillen, Manu Te'o, Andrea Te'o-Gillen and Sean Price. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of 1SG (Ret) Kim Allen Gillen and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ's Mission
22535 Hwy Y
St. Robert, MO 65584

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) Kim Allen Gillen*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 03, 2020 at 03:37 PM

LP

Beautiful tribute! RIP WARRIOR! One of the few great men, thank you for everything

Lisa Proctor - September 04, 2020 at 12:16 AM

BE

Amy our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family.

Betty - September 10, 2020 at 09:13 AM

DM

My condolences to the Gillen family. I was stationed with Kim in the 463rd MP Co. I have many fond memories of him as a leader and mentor.

Dan Murphy - September 13, 2020 at 12:58 AM

DF

I was stationed in HHD Pirmasens, Germany under 1SG Gillen. I will never forget the sense of duty and discipline he instilled with me. His Due Diligence guides me still this very day.

David Fruge - January 16, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *almost 7 years ago.. I miss you gramps..*

Aiden Proctor - March 16 at 08:24 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) Kim Allen Gillen*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

BE

“ *Betty lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Kim Allen Gillen*



Betty - September 10, 2020 at 09:12 AM

WS

“ *My deepest sympathy Amy for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.*

Warren Schivley - September 09, 2020 at 05:12 PM

SS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Gillen Family.*

Bob and Susan Sielky

Susan Sielky - September 04, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 03, 2020 at 01:38 PM

BM

“ *Bill Mitchell lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Kim Allen Gillen*



Bill Mitchell - September 03, 2020 at 01:16 PM

CS

“ *Prayers for God's peace and comfort to you Amy and your family.*

Carey Scott

Carey Scott - September 03, 2020 at 12:16 PM

CB

“ *Our deepest condolences to 1SG(Ret) Gillen's beautiful family and pray for their comfort and strength during this season of grief and pain. I will always remember him taking his expressions of kindness when passing by coupled with a smile and positive attitude. There is no doubt that he loved his family and smiled even brighter when they were together in the company of others! We will miss seeing him, but will embrace the dear memories he has left for us to cherish!*

CSM (R) Harold and Brigitte Burleson - September 03, 2020 at 10:10 AM

BB

“ In 1994 Kim Gillen was my PSG. I was a squad leader and did my best to follow his lead. On a jaunt across the Panamanian Peninsula he played "Don't Take The Girl". I'd not heard of this song, but I was touched. That was my PSG, touch those around you who need exposure to life. He ensured I was the future leader he pictured. Family and friends already know this; he's a good man, and I am proud to have know him. Rest easy Brother, we'll meet again.

Brian Bowman - September 02, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 02, 2020 at 02:15 PM

DR

“ Jeremy, Emerita and family. It breaks my heart to hear of your loss. The photo tribute was beautiful. A beautiful Family full of love and grace. Remember all of the Life Lessons he taught you.

God Speed

(Retired US Army SFC John) and Deb Roberts



Deb Roberts - September 02, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Amy and your beautiful family.

Janis Thompson - September 02, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - September 02, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ My condolences to the Gillen family. I was a Platoon Sergeant in the 300th MP Co while Kime was the 1SG. I remember him being firm but fair and always a professional. I regret I'm unable to attend the service but I will pause for a moment of prayer and reflection in memory of Kim.



Dennis Hutchinson - September 02, 2020 at 06:59 AM



“ We may have not agreed on everything, and certainly had our differences. Having said that, i did respect him as a man who took care of his own, and was willing to help others as well. That man loved his family to the utmost. Lord God be with his family, and comfort their broken hearts, i pray for all of them.

Kenny Proctor - September 01, 2020 at 03:39 PM