



William E. Gillum

December 31, 1955 - April 18, 2015

William E. "Bill" Gillum, 59, of Ashland, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday morning, April 18, 2015 at his home in Boyd County, Kentucky.

Bill was born December 31, 1955 in Ashland, Kentucky to the late Virgil Alfred Gillum and Norma Jean Nunley Gillum. He was also preceded in death by a dear brother-in-law James M. "Mick" Brown.

Bill graduated from Paul G. Blazer High School in 1974 and received his Bachelor and Master Degrees from Morehead State University. He was employed by the Carter County Board of Education and was a devoted Physics and Chemistry teacher at West Carter High School where he was an inspiration to many students.

Bill was a avid collector of "gadgets", a great cook and loved being outdoors. As a youth, he always looked forward to annual scouting trips with his Dad and as a member of the Northeastern Kentucky Fish and Game Association, he was always very concerned about the environment.

Bill truly loved all animals, but his dogs were his pride and joy. Through the years he treasured his time with each of them.

Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 39 years, Catherine Marie Hicks (Cathy) Gillum; two sisters Bonnie Jean Brown and Melba Jo Runyon (Chuck) both of Ashland and one brother Virgil David Gillum (Mary Anne) of Virginia Beach, Virginia; two nieces Jerri Lynn Hazlett (Larry) of Ashland and Mary Jane Gillum of Virginia Beach, Virginia and four nephews Mike Brown (Jennifer) of Ashland; Deron Runyon (Gina) of Huntington; Derek Runyon

(Brandy) and Devon Runyon (Nicole) both of Ashland. Bill is also survived by many great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Wildwood First Church of God 3500 South 29th Street Ashland, Kentucky. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the church. Miller's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Flowers are welcome but donations may be made to William E. Gillum Memorial Scholarship Fund with check made payable to West Carter County High School 365 W. Carter Drive Olive Hill, KY 41164 or Ashland Animal Rescue Fund (AARF) at P.O. Box 2061 Ashland, KY 41105-2061.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Burial Park

3801 13th Street
Ashland, KY 41101
millerfuneralhome@windstream.net

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wildwood First Church of God
3500 29th St
Ashland, KY 41102

Service

APR 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wildwood First Church of God
3500 29th St
Ashland, KY 41102

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ So very sorry to here of the passing of Mr. Gillum. I had a chance to work with Bill as a fellow faculty member at West Carter for several years. I will always remember Bill as gentleman and a friend. Bill was always concerned about the education and future of the students he taught. He will truly be missed by all family and friends.

Coach Wendell Jones

Coach Wendell Jones - April 23, 2015 at 08:23 AM

JS

“ I didn't know Mr. Gillum but I heard a lot about him. My daughter, Jessica was a student of his at West Carter High. He created an excitement in her life for the love of physics - so much that she majored in it. Jessica was born with CP but by God's Grace and good teacher's like Mr. Gillum she will be graduating on May 9th at the University of Kentucky with a double major - Math and Physics. Thank you Mr. Gillum. As Jesses Sturat once said, "A good teacher is immortal through the lives of his students".

Jim Short - April 22, 2015 at 08:13 PM

AM

“ Anna Perkins And Nancy Menshouse lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Anna Perkins and Nancy Menshouse - April 21, 2015 at 08:14 PM



Zackery
Henderson

“ I am terribly sorry to hear about Bills passing. He was a great person, as well as an amazing teacher, who knew how to brighten your day and put a smile on your face. He will be missed by many. May God bless you and your family during this time and always,

Zack Henderson

Zackery Henderson - April 21, 2015 at 01:28 PM



PW

“ To the family. ..i have not seen bill for years. .our families were friends Welshman we were young and I cherish the memories we shared back then. I dearly loved his family and am sorry to hear this. I had heard about his accident and was just looking at his fb page last week and was anxious to get back in touch. Prayers for the family from me and my mom, Jean Pruitt.

Pam Stapleton Walter

Pam Walter - April 21, 2015 at 10:45 AM



Richard
Stevens

“ *Richard Stevens lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Richard Stevens - April 21, 2015 at 12:02 AM

SB

“ Sean And Tabitha Bond lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Sean and Tabitha Bond - April 20, 2015 at 07:38 PM

JB

“ Jessica Buckler lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Jessica Buckler - April 20, 2015 at 04:53 PM

MR

“ Mrs.Maddix, and I have worked very close with Mr. Gillum for several years now at WCHS in Physics and Chemistry he was always helpful and understanding to the students and us. He welcomed any questions they might have with kindness and an open mind, he would help anyone at anytime. We will miss him terribly, he was more than a teacher he was a friend. Mary Roar

Mary Roar - April 20, 2015 at 04:38 PM

TB

“ Timothy Bond lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Timothy Bond - April 20, 2015 at 04:12 PM

TO

“ We're saddened to hear of a Bill's passing. He was an outstanding educator and a good friend to the West Carter family. I remember his sense of humor helped get me through many less than perfect days. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Terry and Deana Osborne

terry osborne - April 20, 2015 at 03:59 PM

SL

“ *Shania Ludwig lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



shania ludwig - April 20, 2015 at 01:48 PM

SC

“ *Sarah Caudill lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Sarah Caudill - April 20, 2015 at 01:31 PM

SA

“ *Samantha Arthurs lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Samantha Arthurs - April 20, 2015 at 12:10 PM

SB

“ *Samantha Bond lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



samantha bond - April 20, 2015 at 10:09 AM

SJ

“ *Steffan Jones lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Steffan Jones - April 20, 2015 at 06:39 AM

NB

“ *Nic Barker lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Nic Barker - April 20, 2015 at 06:01 AM

SM

“ *Shirley McCleese Minor lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Shirley McCleese Minor - April 20, 2015 at 05:39 AM

BC

“ Brooke Callihan lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



brooke callihan - April 20, 2015 at 01:41 AM

JS

“ Janice Shepherd lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Janice Shepherd - April 20, 2015 at 01:32 AM

JK

“ Mr. Gillum was a great person, and teacher. He will be missed greatly.



Jordan King - April 20, 2015 at 12:17 AM

Mallory Aronhalt

“ Mallory Aronhalt lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Mallory Aronhalt - April 20, 2015 at 12:06 AM

PM

“ Pam Menix lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Pam Menix - April 19, 2015 at 11:44 PM

SR

“ Sidonna And James Roberts lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Sidonna and James Roberts - April 19, 2015 at 11:14 PM

AS

“ Unfortunately, I never had the chance if having him as my teacher because I moved the summer before. He will be missed dearly.



Angela Speakman - April 19, 2015 at 11:00 PM

CF

“ Celsey Fannin lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Celsey Fannin - April 19, 2015 at 10:57 PM

EG

“ *Earl, Angie, & Jacob Gilliam lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Earl, Angie, & Jacob Gilliam - April 19, 2015 at 10:41 PM

PF

“ *Patrick Flannery lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



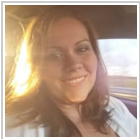
Patrick Flannery - April 19, 2015 at 10:22 PM

SJ

“ *Shelia Jones lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Shelia Jones - April 19, 2015 at 10:12 PM



“ *Veronica Tolliver lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Veronica Tolliver - April 19, 2015 at 09:58 PM


Heather
Lowe

“ *He was a great person and a wonderful teacher... Heather Lowe*



Heather Lowe - April 19, 2015 at 09:33 PM



“ *I remember one piece of advice he gave me when I was in his class. He taught us to argue intelligently in order to try to improve our grades. However, to test our knowledge and resolve, he would also try to trick us. After falling for his tricks a few times and before I left for college, he said "Stick to your guns"--if you know you're right, stand by your answer. Good advice.*



Jessica Short-Long - April 19, 2015 at 09:32 PM


Mallory
Aronhalt

“ *Mallory Aronhalt lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Mallory Aronhalt - April 19, 2015 at 09:30 PM

MH

“ *Melissa Hedge lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Melissa Hedge - April 19, 2015 at 09:27 PM

MM

“ *One of my favorite teachers I've ever had. So sad to hear he's gone. Prayers to the Gillum family.*



Margie Manning - April 19, 2015 at 09:21 PM

JB

“ *We will miss you.*



Jamela Billiter - April 19, 2015 at 09:06 PM

AM

“ *He was my Chem teacher in high school. And he was also my favorite teacher. He will forever be missed and loved!!!*



aleasha mcclaskey - April 19, 2015 at 08:45 PM

AB

“ Aaron Burchett lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Aaron Burchett - April 19, 2015 at 08:20 PM

RA

“ Robin Adkins lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Robin Adkins - April 19, 2015 at 08:20 PM

AL

“ Angie Lowe lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Angie Lowe - April 19, 2015 at 08:15 PM

RT

“ Ryan And Carie Tomolonis lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Ryan and Carie Tomolonis - April 19, 2015 at 08:06 PM

MR

“ Great man, friend and co-worker. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for his family!

Melinda Rodgers - April 19, 2015 at 07:57 PM

RC

“ Rachael Cline lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



rachael cline - April 19, 2015 at 07:56 PM



“ BrucenRhonda McClurg lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



BrucenRhonda McClurg - April 19, 2015 at 07:54 PM

KA

“ Kristi Adkins lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum




Kristi Adkins - April 19, 2015 at 07:48 PM

SH

“ Sabrina Henderson lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Sabrina Henderson - April 19, 2015 at 07:38 PM

 Abigail Ruley

“ Abigail Ruley lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Abigail Ruley - April 19, 2015 at 07:35 PM

MW

“ Mary Wells lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Mary Wells - April 19, 2015 at 07:22 PM

JP

“ Mr. Gillum was an amazing teacher. In the short two trimesters I had with him, I learned so much. He will be missed.

Jade Page - April 19, 2015 at 07:15 PM

BS

“ Bonnie Stapleton lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Bonnie Stapleton - April 19, 2015 at 07:08 PM

TS

“ Teresa Skaggs lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Teresa Skaggs - April 19, 2015 at 06:46 PM

L"

“ Leeann Kelly "Brown" lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Leeann Kelly "Brown" - April 19, 2015 at 06:31 PM

SM

“ Stacy Maggard lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum



Stacy Maggard - April 19, 2015 at 06:22 PM

SP

“ *Sherry Puckett And Ace Puckett lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Sherry Puckett and Ace Puckett - April 19, 2015 at 06:03 PM

BS

“ *Baxter & Dovie Carter Stevens lit a candle in memory of William E. Gillum*



Baxter & Dovie Carter Stevens - April 19, 2015 at 01:06 PM