



Clyde Rick Gilley

December 29, 1952 - January 23, 2015

Clyde "Rick" Gilley, 62, of Chickamauga, passed away Friday, January 23, 2015.

He had lived in the North Georgia area for most of his life and was of the Christian faith. He was the previous Owner & Operator of High Point Golf Course in Chickamauga for more than 20 years and truly enjoyed, playing, singing and listening to Honky Tonk music. He was a loving and devoted father, brother and grandfather who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde & Imojean Gilley; sister, Carol Harris and brother, Timothy Joe Gilley.

Survivors include the mother of his children, Brenda Smiley of Red Bank, TN; son, Wayne Gilley of Chickamauga, GA; daughters & son-in-law, Angel Gilley of Flintstone, GA, Amber & DeWayne Grider of Chattanooga, TN and Ameer Horner of East Ridge, TN; brother, Claude Ronald Gilley of Chickamauga, GA; 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and extended family & friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Bro. Chris Holman officiating. Burial will follow in the Lookout Baptist Church Cemetery in High Point. The family will receive friends after 2 p.m. Tuesday and prior to the service on Wednesday at the

funeral home.

Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Tribute Wall

TC

“ I have more memories of Ricky and myself than can be written here. We played years of music together, listened to ‘Firesign theater’, so much we knew it by heart. Rick taught me how to play guitar, I was blessed to know all his babies, Wife Brenda, and the entire Gilley family, they all made me feel like one of the family. We did do many crazy things like going on top of the mountain UFO hunting, sitting in the yard watching the sun come up together, playing guitar in dew soaked grass. Rode motorcycles together; suffered the loss of brothers in terrible accidents. He played at my wedding, made me Angels Godfather. Life was just not the same without Rick. Ill hurt forever Ricky, i’ll miss you forever. You were the best thing in my life, and it’ll never be the same without you. Love you so much bro’
.Tony Crook

tony crook - December 26, 2025 at 01:42 AM

TC

Sitting here in the middle of the night, Ricky. Dont think a day has gone by that I havent missed you. No one has ever taken your place in my life. -Times like now, in the middle of the night, so many memories of you in my mind, glad memories and sad memories. Closer than a brother-love you, Tony

TONY CROOK - February 20 at 01:20 AM

GC

“ Dakota, we are all sorry for your lose. You and your family are in our prayers.

Goodyear Wholesale - Ringgold, GA - Co.Workers - January 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So sorry for the loss of your dad. A difficult man at times but I know he was loved by all of you. He lived his life by his own rules, and an endless supply of jokes, some better than others. I know he will be missed by many.

Shannon Sizemore - Chattanooga, TN - friend - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

Ricky is a dear friend of mine miss u Rick

PatriciaWooten - July 13, 2023 at 11:40 AM

BA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Amber and her family during this difficult time.

Love, Brenda

Brenda Orrell - Alpharetta, GA - Aunt - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Clyde at this most difficult time. Words can not take away the pain that you all are feeling at this sad time but know there are people who care and are here for you to lean on. Ameen, remember all the good times you had with your father and know he is no longer in any pain. Let me know if I can do anything.

Kim Klimek - Chattanooga, TN - Co-worker - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My heartfelt condolences to Brenda Wishon Smiley and her children, so sorry for your loss.

Christine Haven - Mobile, AL - Friend - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Rest in Peace Old Friend.....Gods Speed ????????????

Carla Smith Turnbo - Ringgold, GA - childhood friend - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I have more memories of Rick than this space will allow; maybe playing music with him, or listening to Firesign Theatre's album so much, that thirty years later we could still recite it word for word. Seeing the look on his face when Brenda told him she was having twins! Being with him when he lost his brother Tim, and he being with me, when I lost my brother. All the fun times with Rick and Brenda. A special memory of him playing guitar and singing the Beatles song "Because" at my wedding. I could go on for days and days, most every day of my late teens and twenties had Ricky in them. I will weep over you for many days to come, Rick. Thanks for being in my life.

tony crook - ringgold, GA - friend - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

I am a dear friend of Ricky's I was with him when he passed my name is patty I miss him I loved all of his family

Patricia Wooten - May 17, 2020 at 01:29 AM

NF

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Rick and I were best friends from 1st grade to High School. In Jr High I learned to play the drums behind Rick's steady guitar. We got into and out of trouble thousands of times together. We could walk from my house on North Avenue to his house blindfolded, we made that trek so often. Many years have since passed but I will always remember and cherish those times.

Ned Miller - Oklahoma City, OK - Friend - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *The last of a Good Family, Gilley's*

Steve Payne - Chatt, TN - Friend - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM