



Paul Campbell Gilstrap

March 24, 1954 - July 2, 2019

Paul Campbell Gilstrap, 65, of East Ridge, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. He was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga & North Georgia areas and was a member of Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church. He graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1972 and from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1978. Paul had been employed with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture as Plant Inspector 2 for the last few years. He had also worked at Harrison Bay State Park for many years and enjoyed boating, being outdoors and was blessed with a “green thumb”. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Roy & Sarah Campbell Gilstrap and brother, Phil Gilstrap.

Survivors include his loving wife of more than 10 years, Wendy Sue Palbicki Gilstrap; son, Taylor (Hope) Gilstrap; step-daughter, Brook (Ryan) Phillips; 2 brothers, Mike (Paige) Gilstrap and David (Carlene) Gilstrap; sister in law, Wanda Gail Gilstrap; 2 grandchildren, Ava & Rowan Gilstrap; 2 step-grandchildren, Hailey & Cassie Phillips; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family & friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church in Chickamauga, Georgia with Pastor Zach Fitzpatrick officiating. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort

Oglethorpe, GA.

Tribute Wall



“ Years of memories landscaping in N Ga and Tn
And just hanging out in those uncertain times!
The best of friends in the worst of times!
How fortunate I was to have known you. You taught me a lot in 20
yrs!
Say Hi to Red!! I'm sure he's still making Noize.....
Gonna miss you! So sad!!

Jeff Mitchell - August 27, 2019 at 01:10 AM



“ We just learned of Paul's death today. He had been our greenhouse
inspector for the past few years. Even though he was a 'regulatory'
person, his visits were always pleasant & filled with great
conversation. He was a super nice guy & will be missed. Our
condolences to his wife & family.

Mark & Pat Stewart - August 03, 2019 at 09:11 PM



“ The last post was from Steve and Pat (Patricia) Hall. You got the
last laugh, Paul. It reads like "Steve and his husband". Where is the
darn WAIT! GO BACK button?

Steve Hall - July 27, 2019 at 12:43 AM

SH

“ My husband and I have enjoyed having a boat at Harrison Bay State Park just a few slips down from Paul and Wendy for more than a decade. I don't recall a single visit to our boat that we didn't run into Paul on the dock. He always had a smile and kind words for his marine neighbors. During those years many friends have moved away from our dock for various reasons. Each one took a piece of our heart and lots of fond memories with them. Although each change was sad, none were as sad as losing Paul. It won't be the same without you. Please watch over us from on high. Between explosions, fires, and storms, we needed a fresh guardian angel. Prior angels were looking a bit frazzled. Wendy, please let us know if we can ever help you in any way.

Steve Hall - July 27, 2019 at 12:37 AM

TJ

“ I still have fond memories of our growing up in Chickamauga. RIP, my friend.

T. Carter Jewell - July 26, 2019 at 04:37 PM

BM

“ I haven't seen Paul since high school, but I have often thought of him through the years. Such a shame we have to realize how we should of tried to keep in touch with one another if nothing else, but to say “hello, how have you been” My sympathy to his family and all those who loved him. He was well thought of by all.

Belinda Price Margison - July 17, 2019 at 04:37 PM

MJ

“ Paul was a true and fast friend. He is much loved and will be deeply missed. See you down the road my friend

Marvin Jones - July 17, 2019 at 07:51 AM

BS

“ Paul was a good friend at Harrison Bay and it won't be the same without his big smile on the dock. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Bob & Elaine Stevenson - July 16, 2019 at 02:15 PM

PT

I recently ran into Paul at Linda's Produce. Hadn't seen him since high school. We had nice talk. And I finally confessed that I'd had a crush on him in school. I remember they had a valentines semi formal dance and he came dressed in shirt jacket and tie w blue jeans. LoL. What a lovely man. I'm glad I got to see him give him big hug. He looked so vibrant and healthy!?! Gone too soon.

pat tate - July 21, 2019 at 08:12 AM

SC

“ Sherry Campbell lit a candle in memory of Paul Campbell Gilstrap



Sherry Campbell - July 15, 2019 at 10:06 PM

JS

I grew up with these boys being our neighbors. We had many good times together. My prayers are with all. I am so sorry.

Jackie Price Smallwood - July 15, 2019 at 10:23 PM

RA

I have known Paul, Mike, David, and Phil my whole life. My mother and dad and Roy and Sarah were best of friends and traveling partners. I was so shocked to here about Paul. He will really be missed as is Phil. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Paul was a good guy.....Ronnie Anderson

Ronnie Anderson - July 16, 2019 at 01:00 PM

TJ

I grew up with Paul. Hadn't seen him in awhile. I'll pay my respects on the 27th. Peace

T. Carter Jewell - July 17, 2019 at 09:55 AM