



James "Jim" Gillard, Jr.

November 27, 1960 - February 1, 2024

James Harvey Gillard, Jr., age 63, passed away at his home on Thursday, February 1, 2024. He was born in Utica, New York and relocated to Tallahassee, Florida in the 1980's. He graduated from New Hartford High School in 1978 and was a lifetime New York Giants fan. Before his battle with cancer, James was a System Project Consultant for the State of Florida for over 30 years.

Jim is remembered for being a devoted father and a loving husband. He was also a lover of sports and antique cars. Jim's favorite things to do were go to the beach, coach sports, and spend time with his family. He was also an avid NFL football fan- especially the New York Giants. Prior to his illness, Jim was well known for his Giants football parties.

He is preceded in death by his parents Diane Tracy and James Harvey Gillard Sr. Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Kimberly Gillard; children Jessica Lewis (Nick) and James Harvey Gillard III (Haley) and grandchildren Amelia and Wyatt Lewis. As well as sisters Debra Raspante (John) and Diane Horth; several nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly and miss him deeply.

The family will be receiving guests for a visitation at Bevis Funeral Home of Tallahassee on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. to be immediately

followed by a memorial service at 3:00 p.m.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Memorial Service

FEB 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of James "Jim" Gillard, Jr.*



Bevis Funeral Home - February 09, 2024 at 12:37 PM

JR

Uncle Jimmy was a smart, kind, wise, and truly the most helpful man I've ever met. He would deep dive into anything and everything to find a solution, fill his curiosity, or to learn something new. Our family will miss him deeply, but will continue to look to him for all his advice and knowledge. I will hold all of our memories dear and am thankful for the time we were able to spend with him. We love you Uncle Jimmy ❤️

Jennifer Ricketts - February 09, 2024 at 03:58 PM

TS

“ *I worked with "Jim" for many years at DBPR. He always talked about his kids and sports with me. Such a nice guy who fought a good fight. Prayers to the family during this most difficult time.*

Tracy Swain - February 08, 2024 at 11:06 AM

TL

“ *The Osgoods and the Hood Lawsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Gillard, Jr..*

The Osgoods and the Hood Lawsons - February 06, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Gillard, Jr..*



February 06, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ *Mike George & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Gillard, Jr..*



Mike George & Family - February 05, 2024 at 11:29 AM



“ *Uncle Jim, my uncle, will be truly missed. He is a rock in the family and one of the most helpful, smart, and empathetic people I have known.*

Joe Raspante - February 04, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Pat & Butch Karter lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Gillard, Jr.*



Pat & Butch Karter - February 03, 2024 at 10:09 AM

FO

“ Jim fought a good fight. He was a great friend as well as a great baseball/softball/football coach to hundreds of kids over the years. His umpiring decisions may have been questionable at times though. :-) I will miss him greatly. Condolences to Kim, Jessie and Jimmy.

Frances Oven - February 02, 2024 at 04:08 PM

RD

“It’s a strike if the umpire says its a strike”. So many wonderful memories at the baseball field with Jim coaching/teaching and mentoring my son and so many others. Thank you Jim for all you gave to so many young men. You touched so many and will be greatly missed. 💜

Rosalyn Deckerhoff - February 02, 2024 at 04:24 PM