



Gary Gillard

January 13, 1961 - January 30, 2017

Gary Martin Gillard

Jennings: It's with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Gary Martin Gillard announces his passing from this life into the arms of Angels on January 30, 2017 at the age of 56. Memorial Services honoring Gary's life will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM with Father Aubrey Guilbeau officiating. A gathering of family and friends will held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home beginning on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 8:00 AM until the time of his service. Gary will be laid to eternal rest in Bertrand Cemetery.

Gary was born in Jennings, LA to George Henry Gillard and Mary Helen Manuel on January 13, 1961. Gary was a beloved son, brother, and friend to so many. His talents and accomplishments throughout his life were numerous. As a young man he participated in the Jennings city baseball league from T-ball to Pony, was a member of Boy Scout Troop 65, the Order of the Arrow, The Lakota Dance Troop, FFA, many local rodeos, and was a firefighter with the Jennings Fire Department for 8 years. He loved hunting, fishing, being outdoors with nature, and spending time with and cooking for family and friends. He lived his dream on several ranches in Texas by working with and training cutting horses. In doing so, this afforded him the opportunity to travel extensively and win 3 world championship titles. The last few years was spent

on the Long Ranch in Charlotte, TX where he served as a guide for hunters and guests alike. He had a sincere passion for his work and a quiet devotion to his faith. His loving dedication to family and friends, quick wit and generous spirit will forever be cherished and greatly missed.

Gary is survived by his mother, Helen Gillard Istre of Jennings, LA; his two brothers, Ted James Gillard (Julie Duhon) of Jennings, LA, Benny B. Gillard (Tammy) of Crowley, LA; his two sisters, Nova Lea Gillard Barnes (Robert) of Jennings, LA, Elinor Istre of Lake Charles, LA; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Gary now rests in Heaven with the family that preceded him in death, his father, George Gillard; his maternal grandparents, Saluce & Lula Manuel; paternal grandparents, Gabriel & Emadine Gillard.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Bertrand Cemetery

Bertrand Rd
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Gillard

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Leroy And Vera Henze lit a candle in memory of Gary Gillard



Leroy and Vera Henze - February 25, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Matthews Funeral Home - February 10, 2017 at 02:23 PM

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“ Todd, Anna (Richardson), J.D., and Aaron Peikert purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Gary Gillard.



Todd, Anna (Richardson), J.D., and Aaron Peikert - February 08, 2017 at 10:30 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Gillard.



February 08, 2017 at 06:30 PM

TT

“ Tyler & Dena (Richardson) Witte, Karnes City, TX purchased the White Standing Wreath for the family of Gary Gillard.



Tyler & Dena (Richardson) Witte, Karnes City, TX - February 08, 2017 at 02:55 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Gillard.



February 08, 2017 at 12:36 PM

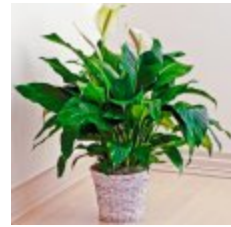
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“ It makes me incredibly sad to hear about Gary's passing. I spent so much time with Gary growing up. He trained and rode many horses for my father, Dicky Richardson, and he and my father were good friends. Gary helped me become a better rider and taught me a lot of life lessons that I still carry with me today. Rest in peace, Gary. I hope you and Papa are riding all the pretty horses in heaven.

Dena (Richardson) Witte - February 08, 2017 at 11:56 AM

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“ Lupe & Maire Valdez and Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gary Gillard.



Lupe & Maire Valdez and Family - February 07, 2017 at 04:35 PM

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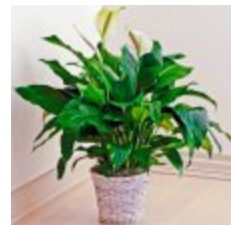
“ We were so sad to hear of the passing of Gary, he was such a wonderful man and such a great friend to my dad Lupe. One of my dad's fondest memories was being with Gary when he won one of his National Championships in Oklahoma City. My dad met Gary not long after he moved here and he started helping with the 4H horse club that was started in Kenedy, Texas back in the early 90's. I know my dad cherished his friendship with Gary and will miss him. If you ever needed to know anything about a horse or needed someone to train a good one Gary was the guy to do it. I remember my dad taking me to Gary's when I was little so he could teach me a few things and make me a better rider. Gary knew the ends and outs of horses and was one great cowboy. He will be forever missed. We send our deepest condolences to the family and would love to be there to honor Gary's life but a death in our own family is preventing us from making the trip. Please know you are all in our prayers.

*Lupe & Marie Valdez
Summer & Adrian Trevino
Kiele & Alelia Trevino
Karnes City, Texas*

Summer Trevino - February 07, 2017 at 12:33 PM



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February 07, 2017 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Helen, Nova and Ted,
I was so sorry to hear about Gary. I have such fond memories of him. I am keeping all of you in my prayers. His life was too short. I have not seen him in years and really regret that. I will not be able to be there for the funeral but will be there in spirit. Take care of each other and know that I am sending my love.*

*Sincerely,
Angie Manuel Fitzgerald*

Angela Fitzgerald - February 03, 2017 at 01:22 PM

MR

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of Gary. My heart goes out to each of you and I pray that God will provide you all with strength and comfort in one another in the time ahead. Gary will be cherished and remembered in the hearts of his family and friends and I believe that he will be watching over and praying for those left behind. May God bless you and keep you...*

Molly Roe - February 01, 2017 at 12:00 PM