



Jeffrey R. Gillikin

December 14, 1961 - November 4, 2019

Jeffrey Ross Gillikin, born December 14, 1961 in Garden City, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2019 in Kalkaska, and became Laura's Guardian Angel.

Jeff had been visiting his cabin in Fife Lake since 1986 and became a fulltime resident in 2018. His love of the outdoors, hiking, canoeing, camping, snowmobiling made South Boardman a comfortable fit. Additional hobbies included collecting antiques, finding old houses, attending concerts. Jeff was a music buff and played the drums.

A celebration will be held on Saturday, November 9th at 1:00 pm with visitation beginning at 11:00 am at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Munson Hospice, 1105 6th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684 or Disabled Veterans online at <https://dav.org>.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jeffrey R. Gillikin*



Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home - November 05, 2019 at 09:36 PM

ML

God bless you Jeff ... May you always be in our hearts and minds. Watch over Laura for the rest of her days.

Eternal rest grant unto Jeff, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

O Lord, your sorrowing Mother stood by your cross; help us in our sorrows to share your sufferings.

All my sympathies...

Mike Lee

Mike Lee - November 08, 2019 at 03:30 PM

ZS

Jeff and I worked next to each other for 20 years at GM. We used to spend most of our time pretending to work. And sometimes we did not even pretend. Shot the shit for at least 1 hour a day and listened to a lot of music on the job. Used to yell at him when he played metal.

It was sad when he went out on disability but that was best for him. Shit this is so sad but Jeff told me a while back that his time was probably short. Glad we got to visit Laura and him this summer.

Safe travels to the Great Beyond.

Love Zack & Debbie Schindler

Zack Schindler - November 08, 2019 at 09:05 PM



“ Jeffrey R. Gillikin

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ Jeffrey R. Gillikin

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM

PG

“ I'VE KNOWN JEFF SINCE HE WAS A BABY. WILL MISS HIM AND
CONDOLENCES
TO LAURA. YOU TOOK SUCH CARE OF HIM. LOVE

PAT GERDES

PATSY GERDES - November 23, 2019 at 02:22 PM

MP

“ *Cousin Laura,*
I'm so sorry for your loss. Cousin Jeff will be missed so greatly. Cousin Jeff was a great guy and I know he made you very happy, I know this because every time I seen you two you always had such a bright smile on your face, as did he! The last time I saw cousin Jeff was at my parents condo for my dads birthday. Paisley walked up to him, he patted her on the head and said "hey kiddo". It was really sweet. It's a memory I will cherish forever. I remember the first thanks giving up north after you two had gotten married. We decorated the "love shack" on our front porch! Jake and I had so much fun along with Gramps and Doug and my parents! We thought we were sooooo funny! (We still do!) I love you so much and I am so thankful I was given the blessing of having him part of our life. I'm very thankful he is at peace now. I pray that your heart will heal very fast. I will always cherish the sweet memories I have of Cousin Jeff.
Love always and forever, Cousin Jenna❤️

Maria Patak - November 08, 2019 at 09:30 PM

GA

“ *Laura,*
I will always remember Jeff as someone I could easily relate to like kindred spirits. I'm so sorry he had to go through the long illness, but I know having you with him every step of the way made it seem like a walk in the park. I wish we could be there to celebrate his life with you, but know we with you in spirit.
We love you!
Danny, Gina, Bella and Carlina

Galli's - November 08, 2019 at 06:04 PM

BB

So many great times for so many years, golf weekends & leagues, snowmobiling , rock concerts, beers at the corner bars in the "heights " , spring tigers game tailgating and hundreds of other things I've forgotten or don't remember too clearly. Gonna miss you "Whitey". Love and happy trails. Bill Boyle

Bill Boyle - November 09, 2019 at 10:22 AM

DE

“ *The last couple time we saw Jeff -*

Over the 4th of July this year he was playing with a pretty famous band here in Waters MI and in August he pounding on the drums in our basement.

Jeff - we know wherever you are, you will be making music with a big, sweet smile on your face.

*Peace and Love always,
Deb and Mark*

Deb - November 08, 2019 at 04:33 PM

VI

“ *My dear "sister" cousin Laura,*

My deepest sympathy to you.... I know how much you love and selflessly took care of Jeff and will miss deeply him. I am sorry I can't be with you for the celebration of his life. Please know that you are in my prayers and I'm with you in spirit. I know that Jeff loved and adored you. My sweetest memory of Jeff was when we were at a family party and he came right over to me to say, "thank you for always making my wife look so pretty". I remember thinking how very sweet and loving he is. May he rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon him..... I love you Laura

Vicki - November 07, 2019 at 04:31 PM

RG

*Laura,
At a time like this it's hard to find the right words, but know that you are in my prayers and I am so sorry for your loss. I hope that you can find some comfort in knowing that Jeff is at peace and is not suffering anymore. I love you!*

Uncle Ron

Ron Galli - November 09, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey R. Gillikin.*



November 07, 2019 at 11:43 AM

BM

“ *Jeff and I always commiserated over our favorite teams (Lions, Tigers & Wings); swapped stories of concerts and music experiences and shared a love of Corktown dives. I'll pay a visit soon to Nancy Whiskey and have one in his honor.*

Bill McEvoy - November 06, 2019 at 01:40 PM

MP

“ I’ll never forget when Jeff and Laura got married he told Greg and I...”Things are different now. We’re family! If you ever get in trouble you can count on me to bail you out.” Luckily he never had to! We truly loved having him part of our family and I know he loved it too. We would always greet each other with “Hey Cuz” and a hug. There are so many memories...tailgating, Lions games, Tigers games, Red Wings games (once were in the first row behind the penalty box of the opposing team. Apparently they didn’t like us much and we were asked to leave 🙄👧, snowmobiling, Thanksgivings at the cabin, hanging out on the boat...I could go on and on.

You will be missed Jeff. Rest assured..as we promised you we, along with so many others, will take good care of Laura.

❤️Cousin Maria

Maria Patak - November 06, 2019 at 01:35 PM

FP

“ From Jeff’s EDS and GM Pals purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey R. Gillikin.



From Jeff’s EDS and GM Pals - November 06, 2019 at 01:31 PM

GS

“ Doug and I were just reminiscing Sunday evening about all of the fun times we have had with Jeff and Laura over the past 20+ years. All the Tiger’s outings, Red Wings games, barhopping and eating through Greektown, Bricktown and Cadillac Square, etc.; hanging out at the Dearborn house “spinning wax” with Jeff accompanying on drums, the Iggy Pop video (lol), listening to Missing Persons, and of course, hanging out at the Patak Cabin and boating on Bradford Lake. His great sense of humor and musical acumen will be missed! Wishing you peace and comfort, Laura!

Love, Greg and Doug

Greg Snyder - November 06, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home - November 05, 2019 at 09:32 PM

KS

“ *Laura, sincerest condolences for your loss. Jeff and I were neighbors and good friends when we were in high school and in our twenties. We lost contact however we would often bump into each other at many concerts. We shared a mutual appreciation for many of the same bands from the 70's. It was always great to see him. Never a unkind word from him. He will be missed by all. All our love.*
Kerry and Donna Santori

Kerry Santori - November 05, 2019 at 05:02 PM

JW

“ *To Laura - Thank you for finding me an awesome, rock n' roll uncle! So many fun memories...love and miss you, Uncle Jeff!*



*"Now, don't hang on, nothing lasts forever but the earth and sky
It slips away
And all your money won't another minute buy
Dust in the wind
All we are is dust in the wind"
~Kansas*

Julie

Julie Ansell White - November 05, 2019 at 02:00 PM