



## Jeff Gilleland

December 13, 2016

Jeff Gilleland, age 51, of Demorest, GA passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Lori Burgess Gilleland, Demorest, GA; parents, Ronald and Betty Gilleland, Buford, GA; sisters, Lori and Richard Durnell, Gainesville, GA, Crystal and James Butler, Canton, GA; grandmother, Agnes Erwin, Griffin, GA; one niece, Kari; nephews, Daniel, Justin, Cody; several great nieces and great nephews; stepchildren, Maria Petroni, San Diego, CA, David Petroni, Jr., Elon, NC, Phillip Petron, Demorest, GA; several aunts and uncles. Jeff was born January 26, 1965 in Ft. Campbell, KY. He was a 1983 graduate of Buford High School. He was employed with the City of Buford as Maintenance Supervisor. He was a member of Highland United Methodist Church in Gainesville and attended Sugar Hill United Methodist Church. He was an avid golfer and loved woodworking. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at Sugar Hill United Methodist Church with Pastor Jeff Coleman and Rev. Wayne Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital or Helping Hands Foreign Mission, 5043 Bristol Industrial Way, Buford, GA 30518 to benefit Brianna Clark in memory of Jeff Gilleland.

To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at [www.flaniganfuneralhome.com](http://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com). Arrangements By: Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.



# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I remember Jeff from the neighborhood when I was a kid in the mid 80's.

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**Mel Denmon, Jr** - November 17, 2023 at 10:23 PM



“ Jeff Gilleland

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November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM

DH

“ So sad to hear of Jeff's passing. Such a shock. Jeff had the sweetest personality. Sending prayers of comfort for the family. God Bless you all.

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**Debbie Holbert** - January 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jeff will be missed by all. God bless you all and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Keith Gilleland** - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Jeff you will be missed here in Buford, and I want to send my request to his family that I will keep you all in my prayers. This is not the best time of the year for something like this to happen.

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**Shawn Meaders** - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Lori we are so sorry for your loss at just the beginning of your marriage. We will be here for you to provide with you love, faith, and support in any way possible. We were so excited to get to know Jeff and our hearts ache with sadness....*

*Love,*

*Bob & Lori Burgess*

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**Bob & Lori Burgess** - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Lori and Kari...I am so sorry for your loss.... You are both in my thoughts and prayers as well as the rest of the family....I pray GOD gives you all the comfort you need at this time....*

*Love you both,*

*Anne*

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**Anne Shubert** - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *So sad to hear of Jeff passing, he was a sweet and caring man. He always had a smile on his face.... You will be missed...RIP*

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**Connie McDaniel** - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Jeff was a super sweet and talented person. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Traci Trussell** - December 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss. Love, The Harrison Family- Jefferson, Ga

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**Stephanie Harrison** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Praying for all the family with a heavy heart.

Love ya'll  
Alan

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**Alan Snavelly** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ LORI SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO LOSE A BROTHER. IT IS A HARD THING TO ACCEPT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS BUT GOD KNOWS WE JUST HAVE TO TRUST IN HIM. YOU AND THE FAMILY WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS LOVE YOU

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**SHIRLEY JONES** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**SHIRLEY JONES** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Lori Gilleland & Family: Deeply sorry to hear of the tragic passing of your precious and dear husband, Coach Jeff. In the Lord 's Prayer, we pray that God's Kingdom "Come." That government by God, will soon, make the whole earth a paradise, with no more sickness (Isaiah 33:24). By means of an earthly resurrection, we will be reunited with our loved ones, (Psalm 37:9-11 & John 5:28-29.) For more comfort, please see j w dot org. With Deep Sympathy, J. Jones*

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**J. Jones** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *A friend I'll never forget. I will miss our golf outings and our conversations. They say you're in a better place; I hope it's true because you deserve the best.*

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**Ken Couch** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Jeff. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Praying for peace, comfort & understanding at this time.*

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**Shan Bowen (Dollar)** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ My sympathy and prayers goes out to this family. Jeff and I went to the same High School. He also was the coach of my son and nephew's football team in the 80's. He was always such a caring and giving person. I will always remember him as "Coach Jeff." All of the kids just adored him.  
May God's Holy Spirit bring peace and comfort to you all during this time.  
Sincerely,  
Gwen

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**Gwen** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I'm truly shocked and sadden to hear of the passing of my friend, my prayers and condolences goes out to his spouse and love ones. R.I.P my friend.

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**James Render** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**James Render** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Darlana Lord** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Darlana Lord** - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ So very sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Praying for the Lord to help family and friends through this one day at a time.

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**Howard & Marcia McCall** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Jeff, you are so missed here in Buford, GA. You were the most sweetest person. If you were in the BA building you never hesitated to speak to whoever you passed. Miss you.

*Rainey E*

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**Rainey E** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My heart is completely broken. I am so sorry, Sending prayers to you

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**cathy padilla** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the Dear Family of Jeff,

*I have no spoken words to express my feelings right now nor can I even imagine what you are going through. Jeff was a very special friend to my husband and me. Actually, he was more like a brother. I don't need to tell you how he always made time out of his busy schedule to help others. As I look around my home I see many things that he has personally had a hand in and I will treasure those things always. We had many fun and happy times with Jeff and we are better people for having known him. My hope is that he knows how much he was loved!! My thoughts and prayers are consumed right now...*

*All of our Love,  
Matt and Jennifer Shealy*

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**Jennifer Shealy** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jeff and I have known each other a long time. He is a good friend and always there when needed. Prayers out to the family in this time of need.*

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**Wendell Bradley** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Praying God's comfort and love for each one of you.  
I know he will be greatly missed.*

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**Jeff and Michelle Bruns** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Jeff was a great person to know. Always fun to be around. Rip jeff*

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**Paula kendrix patrick** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My deepest condolences. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Jill*

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**Jill Marden** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. God bless.*

*Love,*

*Kristina and James Lindsey*

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**Kristina and James Lindsey** - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM