



Ronald Dwayne Gillihan

April 1, 1939 - May 29, 2017

Ronald Dwayne Gillihan was born on a farm in Indiana on April 1, 1939, a fact that would become a source of smiles and laughter through the years. He was the second of three sons born to the late Elmer Richard and Helen Irene Robertson Gillihan. In addition to his parents he is predeceased by his brothers Don and Morris Gillihan, his beloved wife, Pamela St. John Gillihan and the mother of his children, Jean Marie Lohnes. A very tender loss for Ron was the tragic death of his son Rorie D Gillihan in 1990. This story of unspeakable tragedy would have a unique twist to it, and in time, would become a story of forgiveness and other opportunities to help others deal with such losses through the Kairos prison ministry that became such an important part of Ron's life. As the mystic 13th century poet said, "Goodbyes are only for those who see with their eye; because for those who see with heart and soul, there is no separation." Ron's servant spirit would lead him into an 11 year stint in The United States Air Force. Ron is survived by Jennie Pursley Stone-Gillihan, the light of his life; daughters Joy and Rick Wood and Colette Poore and Victor Saathoff of Jacksonville, FL; Kellee and Andy Crowe of St. Louis, MO, Rebecca Stone and Megan Stone of Newnan. His grandchildren are Rachel Poore, Emily Owens, Brycen Buchanan, Cade Buchanan, Seth Rainey, Hannah Crowe, Haylee Crowe, Spencer Buchanan, Mason Buchanan, Tyler Crowe, Caroline Howard, Gunner Deaton and Ella Grace Buchanan...and by his stunning lilies on "Mt. Gillihan". To remember the life of this kind and gentle man, donations may be made in his name to either

Schnauzer Love Rescue, Inc. Attn: Marty Morgan, President 1356 Stonecrest Drive Birmingham, AL 35235 or Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue P.O. Box 2005 Chattanooga, TN 37409.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

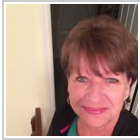
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Tribute Wall



“ Ron and Pam were the two sweetest people I've ever met...We met them through prison ministry...they actually gave my husband and I a car and invited us to stay at their house for a weekend when they would be gone ... their generosity was incredible. ❤️

Julie Wilton - May 04, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ Because his birthday was April 1st, I have to relate one good story. In the early 70's, his business partner Don Curts, pulled a good one on him. Ron and Don's business , Curts Gillihan & Associates was in the IBM building in Jacksonville, this office building was just across the bridge from downtown Jacksonville. Don was out of the office and called the office that his car had broke down on the bridge for Ron to come get him. Now this bridge was one of the busiest bridges in Jax. Ron got across the bridge in all the traffic and back again. Don called back and asked where Ron was , Ron said I came across the bridge and did not see you, so he went back across the bridge again to find Don. Mind you all this took a few hours with the traffic. Ron comes back to the office a 2nd time, to "Surprise" with Don and all the staff. Don had been in another office in the building the whole time. We laughed till we cried, and Ron said to Don " if you do break down on the bridge don't call me, cause I'm not coming" It was so funny !!! But Ron loved a good joke and took it all with a laugh.

Patti Viers - July 15, 2018 at 05:09 PM

RP

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Rachel Poore - June 08, 2017 at 01:45 PM

RP

Opa, I always loved you even though you were sometimes kooky, and I'm glad you learned to love me for my flaws as well.

Rachel Poore - June 08, 2017 at 01:48 PM

GT

“ prayers for you and all the family! Love , JT and Gail Trolinger

gail trolinger - June 02, 2017 at 09:26 PM

JJ

“ I'm so glad I got to meet Ron on the several occasions we met dealing with our Schnauzers. He was a true dog lover. I'm so very sorry for your loss Jennie.

Jan Jones - June 01, 2017 at 09:13 PM

JW

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Joy Gillihan Wood - June 01, 2017 at 07:06 PM

JS

Oh Joy, I'm so glad you put up Rorie's picture!

Jennie Stone-Gillihan - June 02, 2017 at 05:19 AM

PV

I miss Rorie so much. I'm so blessed that I had Ron and Jennie in my life these last few years. It was only by FB but Jennie is truly a wonderful woman and Ron and I were able to talk about our past and make peace with it. Although there was never any bitterness, only friendship in our parting. That is a wonderful way and so glad we were able to talk about the 10 years we had together, that was full of travels, good times, building a business and family. All else is by the wayside. Thank you Ron for that part of our lives.

Patti Shannon Viers - February 17, 2020 at 11:12 PM

TW

“ *Jennie and family, I am so sorry for your loss.*
Tammy Whaley

Tammy Whaley - June 01, 2017 at 10:22 AM

JS

Thank you so much Tammy. We are ALL going to miss him so very much.

Jennie Stone-Gillihan - June 02, 2017 at 05:20 AM

BB

“ *Ron fought the good fight, and he won. From one vet to another, Well Done Sir. Our hearts break for you, Jennie, and your family.*

Bob Bissell - June 01, 2017 at 08:02 AM

JS

Thank you Bob.

Jennie Stone-Gillihan - June 02, 2017 at 05:20 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album Ron's Twins



Joy Gillihan Wood - June 01, 2017 at 05:10 AM

JS

Colette Poore, Ron and Joy Wood

Jennie Stone-Gillihan - June 02, 2017 at 05:21 AM

PV

“ from #2, Ron was a caring and loving father. I can see him sitting in his chair with his pipe, or working in the flower garden which he loved. Golf, when I first met him he had a 2 handicap and played with his then business partner Don Curts when ever they could. He was funny and he loved music. He treated my mother with the highest respect and would take her to breakfast at sunrise at the beach. He was so proud of Rorie's enthusiasm for whatever he was into at the time. Rorie amazed him with his talents. His girls were the shining stars in his life, 2 little blonde balls of personality as I only knew them when they were young I never knew Kellie but I know he loved her as his own. And after all the twists and turns in his life, the loss of loved ones he found his love, Jennie Pursley Gillihan. I've never met her, but she is the most accepting, loving person and I consider her my sister-wife. You will be missed Ron, you touched a lot of lives and hopefully they will pay that forward. Go on your beautiful journey with God and hug Rorie for me.



Patti Shannon Viers - May 31, 2017 at 09:55 PM

JS

Patti, this is just beautiful...thank you.

Jennie Stone-Gillihan - June 02, 2017 at 05:22 AM

TM

“ *I only met Ron once, however after sharing a office with Jennie she talked so fond of him and we shared recipe's that's she would make him and then I would go home and make them for my wife and we would talk about them the next day. He must have been a great guy. Bless his family.*

Tony McCall - May 31, 2017 at 07:00 PM