



## James W. Gilliam

March 28, 1939 - March 14, 2025

James W. Gilliam, Sr., 85, of St. Augustine, Fla., died peacefully on March 14, following a short illness. In his final days, he was surrounded by his loving family and many good friends.

A native of Rockbridge County, Va., Mr. Gilliam was the son of James Dabney Gilliam and Hazel McDaniel Gilliam. He is survived by his daughter Julie Caligan-Gilliam of Greenville, SC, and granddaughters Sarah Gilliam of Atlanta, Ga, Lily Caligan-Gilliam and Caroline Caligan-Gilliam, both of Greenville, SC. He was predeceased by his parents, brother John Leslie Gilliam, sister Nancy Gilliam Osborne, wife JoAnn Wright Gilliam, and son James (Josh) William Gilliam, Jr.

Gilliam was a veteran of the US Air Force, and worked at the US Postal Service until he retired as Post Master of Amherst County, VA, in 1991. In 1993, he and his beloved wife JoAnn retired to St. Augustine, Fl., where he began his second career of 30+ years, as a real estate agent and properties manager.

In addition to his great loves -- his family and work -- Gilliam was known for his sense of humor, quick temper, and generous spirit.

The family will have a private memorial service in Virginia at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim Gilliam was a hardworking and dependable man who took pride in everything he did. As the manager of our RV campground, he was always honest, dedicated, and making sure everything ran smoothly. He had a great sense of humor and could make anyone laugh, even on the toughest days. No matter what needed to be done, Jim was there to help, always ready with a smile and a kind word.



More than anything, Jim loved his family. He worked hard not just for himself but for the people he cared about. He was the kind of person you could always count on, whether as a friend, coworker, or family member. Jim will be deeply missed, but his kindness, laughter, and dedication will never be forgotten.

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**Rick Ginn** - March 18, 2025 at 08:07 PM

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“ My memories of Jim are those of a warm, kind, welcoming, and very humorous individual. He had many stories to share and laughter was always a part of those stories. Jim was very courteous. My interactions with Jim were not always consistent; however, knowing him for 30+ years when I saw him it was as if time had not passed. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family and my God-daughter Sarah. I love you all ❤️

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**Judy Estren Spaulding** - March 18, 2025 at 06:54 PM

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“ *Jim was the most awesome man I have ever met. He helped everyone. He was funny but quite cantankerous. Hard worker and loved his family and his dogs. He will be missed with every beat of my heart. Love, Debbie Lane*

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**Debbie Lane** - March 18, 2025 at 05:06 PM