



Gilbert Earl Lay

January 25, 1963 - August 8, 2023

Gilbert passed away on August 8th, 2023, in Tyler, Texas. He was born in Roswell, New Mexico, on January 25th, 1963, to the late James Alton and Lawanda Lee (Hendrixson) Lay. In his younger days in the East Grand Plains area of Roswell, Gilbert discovered happiness through playing school basketball and competing in bicycle races.

He enjoyed watching his older brothers participate in oval dirt track and quarter-mile drag racing. Immersed in podcasts, he eagerly absorbed news updates and shared discussions with friends, becoming well-versed in global events and trends. He had a passion for fishing, and enjoyed preparing Mexican dishes for his family and friends.

Gilbert had an accident that caused him to become legally blind, but he didn't want to accept or hear that he was blind. He went to Cutlery School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and also attended the New Mexico School for the Blind & Visually Impaired.

He was baptized in the Church of Christ and embraced Jesus Christ as his savior. He was an active member of the Tyler Church of Christ. Gilbert maintained an active presence on a chat line, connecting with numerous friends across the United States whom he enjoyed spending time with over the phone.

The youngest of four siblings, Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Connie Lay. He is survived by his son, Ryan Lay, and daughter, Brianna Lay, both residing in Roswell, New Mexico. Additionally, he

leaves behind a sister, Nancy Holloway, residing in Tyler, Texas, and a brother, James Jr., along with his wife Kathy Lay, living in Dexter, New Mexico. His legacy continues through his three grandchildren: Brielle Lay, Augustuz Lay, and Grace Lay, all from Roswell, New Mexico. He is also warmly remembered by his Aunt Jan and her husband Terry Shope from Rockport, Texas, along with numerous cousins, nephews, and many close friends who will deeply miss him.

Previous Events

Memorial Graveside Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Red Springs Cemetery
131 FM 16
Tyler, TX 75706

Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert Earl Lay*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Gilbert Earl Lay*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *I will miss my brother so much. I know he has a new body...take care Gilbert I ❤️ you*

Nancy Holloway - August 19, 2023 at 07:13 PM