



Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)

January 1, 1950 - March 17, 2013

Funeral services for Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.), "Pastor Rich", age 63, of Lindale, Texas and Springfield, Virginia and formerly of Paris, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Charlie Wood officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Lindale City Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Directors in Lindale, Texas. Richard went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 17, 2013. He was born in Paris, Texas on January 1, 1950 to the late Vernon Gaylord and Dorothea Frances (Swanson) Gillies. Richard served his country for 31 years in the United States Coast Guard where he received 41 medals including the Presidential Accommodation Medal. Rich, as he was known to many, joined the Unisys Corporation in the Spring of 2003 as their Director of Federal Government Continuity Planning. There he quickly established himself as both a respected leader and subject matter expert in creating complex plans for entire Federal Government Agencies to keep functioning after devastating events like 911 and worse. This work took Rich to some of the most heavily fortified government sites in the world where his work was recognized as some of the most innovative ever seen. Rich diligently worked behind the scenes protecting agencies that included DOD, DHS, USCG, DOJ, DOT, CBP and HHS to name a few. Richard was ordained as a pastor on September 12, 2004 at the Mt. Calvary Community Church in Springfield, Virginia and then became known as Pastor Rich. Richard shared the word with his family,

friends and all he encountered. As quoted from his own bible, "Stand up and do something for God! Say what must be said! Get in the game! Time is short!" Richard had many talents which included his unique painting skills, his amazing writings, which included poetry, and his master chef skills. "Paca" as his grandchildren lovingly called him, will be dearly missed but his spirit lives in each and every one of us who loved and knew him.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of almost 20 years, Barbara Ann (Glover) Gillies of Lindale, Texas; 2 sons & daughter-in-law, Sean Gillies of Lindale, Texas and Dustin & Shelly Van Cleave of Sherman, Texas; 2 daughters & sons-in-law, Holly & Tim Garland of Lindale, Texas and Melanie and Stacy Hatcher of Paris, Texas; sister & brother-in-law, Sharon & Marcus Roden of Paris, Texas; 9 grandchildren, Gavin Garland, Christian Garland, Alexis Garland, Logan Fountain, Ryan Hatcher, Blaine Hatcher, Dillon Van Cleave, Ava Van Cleave and Garrett Van Cleave; nieces, Robin K. Daugherty and husband, Jeff of Lindale, Texas and Heather S. Parris and husband, Corey of Mt. Juliet, TN; and great nieces, Regan Breanne Daugherty of Lindale, Texas and Calli Jo Davis of Tennessee; and great nephews, Harley Parris and Raelee Parris, both of Mt. Juliet, TN. Serving as pallbearers will be Doug Potts, Joe Douglas, Chris Siebensieu, Dick Barnett, Steve Hluchan, Terry Lee Ryan, Craig Edwards and Mike Kropp.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale.

Cemetery Details

Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Chapel Service

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *I am a former high school classmate of Richard and recently heard of his passing. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family Barbara, he was a very special person. My sympathies and will say a special prayer for all of you.*



*Dolores Colunga-Stawitz
San Jacinto HS, Class of 1968*

Dolores Colunga-Stawitz - February 02, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ *Very sorry to read of Rich's passing in the Coast Guard Newsletter. Rich was in the company ahead of me in USCG boot camp, in my class at radio school, then stationed upstairs from me at USCG Pacific Area in the 80's. Rich was well liked and the number of condolences posted here is evidence of this. Rest in peace, shipmate.*

CWO4 (ret) Cliff Simonsen

Cliff Simonsen - July 23, 2013 at 04:31 PM

KF

“ Ken Freeze lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)



Ken Freeze - May 09, 2013 at 11:27 AM

Rachel
Lauren

“ Rachel Lauren lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)



Rachel Lauren - March 24, 2013 at 04:47 PM

Rachel
Lauren

Dear Barbara and Family,

I have been wanting to post a message to give my condolences and send you some comforting words, but I wasn't sure exactly what to say. I realized, there is nothing "exact" you can say regarding the loss of such a loved one. You and Richard have been an incredible blessing and positive impact to our family. One of the most special moments with Rich is when he helped Adam and I spread our mother's ashes at Shell Beach and you gave me that beautiful book. I couldn't have asked for such caring people to be with us during that time. Not only being a great example of genuine Christians, you have been wonderful friends to my mother, father, brother, and I. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, as we have come to love and treasure you all deeply and will for always.

Love, Rachel

Rachel Lauren - March 24, 2013 at 05:08 PM

AE

“ *Barbara and Family,*

I am so saddened and shocked to hear about Richard. He is and has always been such an inspirational and loving person those around him. You both are such good friends to my parents,my sister and I. I am so sorry for your loss. We send our love thoughts and prayers. With fond memories

Adam Espinosa - March 21, 2013 at 12:49 PM

AE

“ *Adam Espinosa lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)*



Adam Espinosa - March 21, 2013 at 12:33 PM

AZ

“ *Annette m Z. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).*



Annette m Z. - March 20, 2013 at 05:03 PM

AZ

“ *I will always remember Richard--I loved his philosophical perspective and his funny stories--he always made be laugh. Annette Zinn*



Annette Zinn - March 20, 2013 at 04:55 PM

PT


“ PGandE VP IT landO Leadership Team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



PGandE VP IT landO Leadership Team - March 20, 2013 at 04:23 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album Pastor Rich doing what he did best!

 Pastor Rich officiating at Nancy Boll's Memorial

Marie (Stockwell) Cavaletto - March 20, 2013 at 02:58 PM

VG

“ Veronica (Roni) M. Glass lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)



Veronica (Roni) M. Glass - March 20, 2013 at 02:47 PM

VF

“ Veronica M. and Maurice P. Glass (DHS and CBP) Friend purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



Veronica M. and Maurice P. Glass (DHS and CBP) Friend - March 20, 2013 at 02:04 PM

PG

“ *Rich was the consummate professional who was respected and recognized for his special skills directed at making sure critical homeland infrastructure could continue operations under known eventualities. I did not know him well or work with him day to day but his reputation for high quality, clear, communications was well known and greatly appreciated by his colleagues in industry and government.*

Peter Gallagher, Unisys Federal

Peter Gallagher - March 20, 2013 at 12:12 PM

SE

“ *Dearest Barbara and Family,
The news of Richard's death came with great sadness. His zest for life, and love of the arts, was so inspiring. We enjoyed some wonderful dinners and weekends with him in Pismo Beach, here on the Central Coast of California. He introduced me to some incredible music, from jazz to classical, when we lived nearby, back in the early 80's.*

He made a delicious Yorkshire Pudding, the first and only time I'd ever had it. So many pleasant walks on the beach, and heartfelt talks concerning spiritual things.

I will always remember him as a beautiful, free spirit, full of hope and love for his family.

On behalf of my family, I offer all of you our deepest love and kind thoughts for your days ahead, as you move through this sad time and transition.

With love and remembrance,

Stephen Espinosa

Paso Robles, Ca

Stephen Espinosa - March 20, 2013 at 11:10 AM

RC

“ *Ronnie and Art Chantker purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).*



Ronnie and Art Chantker - March 20, 2013 at 09:52 AM

JR

“ *Jerry and Mary Rockey purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).*



Jerry and Mary Rockey - March 20, 2013 at 09:12 AM

JB

“ *Jimmy & Marge Barnett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).*



Jimmy & Marge Barnett - March 20, 2013 at 08:28 AM

SM

“ *We are so very, very sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rich was extra special to me because he looked so much like my brother, even so in the picture of him.*



Sandra and Ron Maierhofer - March 20, 2013 at 07:49 AM

WA

“ Jeff, Robin and Regan,
We are praying for you and your entire family during this time. We pray your hearts will be blessed with sweet and precious memories of Uncle Rich until the Lord reunites us all in glory. Sending a heart hug to each of you....we love you!
Duane and Cyndi Walton

Walton's - March 19, 2013 at 09:34 PM

JF

“ Joe Faraone lit a candle in memory of
Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)



Joe Faraone - March 19, 2013 at 07:18 PM

RP

“ Dear Barbara and family, We are so sorry for the loss of Richard. Tim and I send our love to you all at this sad time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love, From Tim and Rebecca Pratt and all of our Orphan Relief and Rescue staff.

Rebecca Pratt - March 19, 2013 at 06:52 PM

JV

“ Joe and Annette Faraone Ashburn, VA
purchased the Guardian Angel Sympathy Basket
for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



Joe and Annette Faraone Ashburn, VA - March 19, 2013 at 06:47 PM

JF

“ *Barbara and family,*

I was shocked to learn of Rich's passing. He was a wonderful coworker who ended up being a great friend. His smile and warm greetings always brightened any room he was in -- I could always count on a kind word and encouragement from him, no matter the situation. He is, and will remain, well-respected in the security community. He, and all of you are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.

May God be with you all,

Joe and Annette Faraone

Joe Faraone - March 19, 2013 at 06:34 PM

LA

“ *Lanice Walker Seals and Lana Jeanne Walker Anderson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).*



Lanice Walker Seals and Lana Jeanne Walker Anderson -
March 19, 2013 at 02:47 PM

MM

“ *Mrs. Gillies and Family,*

I am sadden to hear of the loss of Mr. Gillies, co-worker. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.

God is with you "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Mia Minor, CBP Co-Worker*



Mia Minor - March 19, 2013 at 02:32 PM

CD

“ *CBP Joint Operations Directorate purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).*



CBP Joint Operations Directorate - March 19, 2013 at 02:17 PM

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.)*



Cindy - March 19, 2013 at 01:05 PM

JV

“ *Barbara and Family,
Words cannot truly express how we feel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rich always talked about the special time he had with Brian, Susan, and Savannah at the Nationals baseball game. He mentioned going again. We were so blessed to have him at Mt. Calvary these many years. We love you and may the comfort only God and bring be with you -- The Vogels and the Gravitt's.*

Joe Vogel - March 19, 2013 at 12:17 PM

KF

“ *We have so many memories of Rich, and not a single one of them a bad one. Michele and I both worked with him at Coast Guard PACARE Intel in the '80s. We often had him over to our place to fix 'dead cow' on the BBQ. When I was sent to D.C. for a year, Rich and I often got up very early on Saturday mornings to drive to Pennsylvania to go to estate sales. He helped make my year away from my family in D.C. a lot easier. We had some really great times together. We can't begin to imagine the loss that Barbara and his boys feel.*

Ken & Michele Freeze - March 19, 2013 at 09:54 AM

KF

“ *Ken and Michele Freeze purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).*



Ken and Michele Freeze - March 19, 2013 at 09:49 AM

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Ken & Michele Freeze - March 19, 2013 at 09:43 AM

DB

“ Dick, Eleanor, Jon and James Barnett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



Dick, Eleanor, Jon and James Barnett - March 19, 2013 at 08:02 AM

SH

“ Steve and Tammie Hluchan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



Steve and Tammie Hluchan - March 19, 2013 at 07:38 AM

DT

“ To the family of Richard Gillies, my condolences to you and my prayers during your time of loss. We worked very briefly together more than 10 years ago on the Y2K team. He was a terrific colleague and shipmate and will be sorrowfully missed. -- David Teska, CAPT, USCGR

David Teska - March 18, 2013 at 09:24 PM

PP

“ Barbara and family. We are so sorry to hear about Richard. You all will be in our prayers during this very difficult time. Thinking of you.

*Roger & Shirley Van Cleave
Sam & Patty Paul*

Patty Paul - March 18, 2013 at 09:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



March 18, 2013 at 07:45 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



March 18, 2013 at 07:08 PM

CR

“ Claude and Nancy Revis purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



Claude and Nancy Revis - March 18, 2013 at 06:48 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Richard G. Gillies, CWO3 (Ret.).



March 18, 2013 at 12:55 PM

EW

“ Jeff, Robin, Reagan and the rest of the family: We are very sad to hear of Richards passing. Although I realize there is not much we can do but we want you to know we care.

Nellie and Edward

Edward Wilkinson - March 18, 2013 at 12:46 PM

NH

“ We extend our sympathies to the family for Richard's passing. Our prayers are requested for the comfort for each member of the family.

Norman and Gladyne Hluchan

Norman Hluchgan - March 18, 2013 at 10:08 AM

RC

“ *Barbara and family--Rich was fine shipmate and colleague during his tenure at CG Headquarters during the Year 2000 rollover initiative (1998-2000). The team has stayed in tough through the years, and we all will be thinking of you in the days ahead.*

Best, Robert Crane (Alexandria, VA)

Robert Crane - March 18, 2013 at 10:01 AM

JG

“ *We were very sorry to hear about Richard passing. You will be in our prayers.*

Jimmy and Lynn Gullion

James Gullion - March 18, 2013 at 08:44 AM