



Clayton D. Gilliam

July 21, 1948 - June 3, 2015

TOGUS - Clayton D. Gilliam, 66, a resident of Lisbon St., passed away Wednesday, June 3rd at the VA Regional Medical Center following a long struggle with diabetes.

He was born in Portland July 21, 1948, the son of Theodore and Charlotte (Loring) Gilliam.

Mr. Gilliam served 11 years in the United States Army serving two tours of duty during the Vietnam Conflict from 1966-to-1971 where he developed Diabetes as a result of Agent Orange exposure.

Following his service he developed his expertise thanks to his father in law, Albert Intrieri who was beneficial to Clayton as a renowned shoe stitcher at Eastland Shoe and Sebege Moc. He later was employed six years with City of Portland Public Works. He then moved to California for 13 years then came back to Maine with his wife Anita where he struggled with Diabetes becoming a double amputee.

His greatest joy in life were his wife and children. He loved music and sang as lead singer in several bands. He was also a bird lover and had several tattoos displaying his favorite birds. He also loved his Country and riding his Harley.

Survivors include his wife Anita, his children, Melissa Cook of Maine, Shara Dechellis of Massachusetts. And Corie Gilliam of California, two grandchildren Kristopher Jones and Kayla Gilliam, two brothers, Kenneth Gilliam and John Dalphonse, and two sisters, Alicia and Eleanor Gilliam.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by a sister Helen (Bitsy) Frost.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com GILLIAM died at Togus June 3, 2015. Mr. Clayton D. Gilliam age 66 years a resident of Lewiston.

Memorial services honoring Clayton's life will be celebrated MONDAY June 8th 6:00PM at the funeral home. Concluding with United States Army military honors.

Memorial Donations in Clayton's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

Family and friends are invited to visit Monday afternoon beginning at 4:00PM two hours prior to services at the PINETTE DILLINGHAM & LYNCHFUNERAL HOME 305 Alfred Plourde Parkway, Lewiston, 784-4023

Comments



“ Clay we lost a good man, anyone willing to take in to your home your Son in Laws nephew and treat him like family in what was the worst part of my life speaks volumes to your character. Thank You for everything you did for me I will never forget it.

Dan Merrill - June 08, 2015 at 04:51 PM



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June 07, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ i just wanted to say that is was nice to get to know u and have u as a friend. when u first came to maine i could not wait to meet u and your wife cause over the years i knew i would loved u both cause u both grew on me and u and your wife where like the dad and mom i never had.also u all about family and good times with friends and Mrs.G would get up and sing with u and the girls and i thought that was so great there was sometimes i would sing with u and them and that was the best times i will never forget that so whit that being said my friend rip in peace and dont stop rocking out u where the best and u will never be forgotton i will miss u very much god bless u

alicia stpierre - June 06, 2015 at 10:59 PM



“ Clay, you have been an amazing friend and second dad. we so enjoyed your company and listening to you rock out, watching the fireworks together in the back driveway. we love you and will miss you terribly. Rock those angels in heaven as you rocked with us.

Michelle and Deanna - June 06, 2015 at 03:32 PM



“ It breaks my heart to lose my brother-in-law just 4 mos after loosing my husband. CLAY will be sorely missed-- I have wonderful memories of the good times we had together! My heart aches for my sister Anita, and Missy, Shara, & Corey. I know that David & Clay 's spirits have found each other and are playing poker while Clay sings "Born To Be Wild" -- two angels in heaven! RIP and God Bless!!

Linda Noone - June 05, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ My heart goes out to Clay's family. He was a wonderful, talented and funny guy! I am blessed to have known him and to know his wonderful and loving family. RIP Clay and rock the heavens!!

Norma McGill - June 05, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ My heart goes out to Anita and her children. Losing someone special is so very difficult!! I'm sure Clayton will be welcomed by our angels above!! Stay strong and remember the happy times you were able to share with your one and only!! No longer will he battle with the pains of diabetes!!!

Mary Johnson f/k/a Fogg - June 05, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ Finding the right words to say is always hard. But know you were loved and and will be missed by many. We have a lot of good memories....especially the six months our families spent together in Germany. My heart aches for my sister and her children. Rest in peace Clay.

Sam and Sherry Jewell - June 05, 2015 at 09:38 AM