



Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr.

April 9, 1953 - September 10, 2023

Dorse Eugene Gillum, Jr., age 70, of Buckhannon, passed away Sunday, September 10, 2023, in Morgantown, WV. He was born on April 9, 1953, in Buckhannon, WV, a son of the late Dorse Eugene Gillum, Sr. and Etta Darleen Cunningham Gillum. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister Debra Gillum Carrico. He is survived by his wife, Deanna Dobbins Gillum, formerly from Clay, WV, to whom he was married on February 2, 1973; the couple recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. He is also survived by his son, Scott (Jennifer) Gillum of Morgantown, WV; daughter, Leslea (Nathan) Morrow of Fairmont, WV; three grandchildren: Stuart Gillum and Julia Gillum of Morgantown, WV, and Nate Morrow of Fairmont, WV; brother-in-law Joe Carrico; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Dorse graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School in 1971. He then attended United Electronics Institute in Charleston, WV. Dorse worked as an Electrical Maintenance Technician and retired from Pratt & Whitney in 2015. He was highly involved with his church, Buckhannon Alliance Church, where he was a member and elder. He was an active member of a weekly men's Bible study group, the Band of Brothers—an organization of Christian men from churches throughout Upshur County. Dorse was an avid outdoorsman that loved to spend time just walking the woods. He also loved guitars and spent many hours playing the guitar and repairing them, or as he referred to it,

“rescuing” guitars. His other interests included driving and fixing cars and seeing how many miles he could put on a Volvo.

The family will receive friends at the Buckhannon Alliance Church, 438 Phillips Dairy Road, Buckhannon, WV 26201, on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 4-7:00 PM, and again on Friday, September 15, 2023, from 10-11:00 AM. A funeral will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at the church, with Pastor Jerry Murrell officiating. Following the funeral service, the body will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Band of Brothers, c/o Al Tucker, 98 W. Lincoln St., Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Buckhannon Alliance Church
438 Phillips Dairy Rd
Buckhannon, WV 26201
(304) 472-6499

Visitation

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My heart broke when I came across this by chance this afternoon. Dorse is one of my oldest friends. We only saw each other a time or two a year but he always seemed happy to see me. I admired him so much for just how solid he was in Christ and just how happy he always was. I mean, look at the smile in that photo. Such a quiet man but clearly deserving of respect when he came into the room. I will miss him so much. Deanna, Scott, and Leslea, I am so sorry. I cannot wait to see him again.*

Ray Rosencrance - September 27, 2023 at 02:26 PM

JE

“ *One of the truly good guys.*

Jeff E - September 21, 2023 at 09:44 AM

JM

“ *Dorse was a very good friend and brother in Christ. I worked with him at Pratt and Whitney for many years and enjoyed the many conversations we had about the Lord. I was saddened to hear that Dorse had passed, but encouraged by the knowledge of his salvation through Jesus Christ. He will definitely be missed, but he is in the presence of his God and Savior.*

James Metheny - September 15, 2023 at 10:39 AM

BE

“ Dorse has been such a great friend for me when I lived in Buckhannon and he was someone I always depended on every time I needed help. I am deeply shocked to hear this news few days after I visited him in Morgantown. Little I knew that he was saying bye, when he held my hand for few minutes before I left the hospital room. I truly miss him and look forward to seeing him in heaven one day. I pray that the Lord comfort his family and friends.

Betiglu - September 14, 2023 at 10:34 PM

EA

“ Deanna and family,
I am sending prayers of comfort during this difficult time. Dorse was a nice guy and was always willing to help his fellow classmates especially in Geometry class. Libby (Lofton) Abel B-U Class of 1971

Elizabeth Abel - September 14, 2023 at 09:42 PM

BC

“ Deanna and family. May God comfort you and flood your heart and mind with all the joyous memories. Dorse has left this troubled world behind, to be greeted at those pearly gates with God, the Angels and those who were awaiting to greet him. I'm sure he has joined awaiting for those who still here.



Barbara Cutright - September 14, 2023 at 03:53 PM

IA

“ Deanna and family, My heart goes out to you. Sending love your way, Ina

Ina Armstrong - September 14, 2023 at 02:03 PM

GG

“ *What a smile you shared with us all at Pratt & Whitney, you were a sweet and kind man, rest in peace.*

Gail Garber

Gail Garber - September 14, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr..*



September 14, 2023 at 06:47 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr..*



September 13, 2023 at 06:21 PM

CR

“ *Chip & Brenda Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr.*



Chip & Brenda Ramsey - September 13, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JL

“ My first time meeting Dorse was a prayer being answered as I met him for the first time. I was praying walking down the hallway and I said God bring that man of faith into my life. At that point Dorse, whom I hadn't met before walked by and I said---can I ask your a question? He said yes!! I said are you a follower of Christ and he said how did you know. I told him God always answers prayers and I could see your faith flowing from your heart. The next weeks we started a mens prayer group at Pratt and Whitney and Dorse was a blessing to all of us!! This was in 1992 and God is still bringing back joy in our hearts through Dorse faith as we meet together in Christ!!

John Linaburg - September 13, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr..



September 13, 2023 at 10:29 AM

RC

“ Roger @ Cindy Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr.



Roger @ Cindy Carpenter - September 13, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr..* ”



September 12, 2023 at 10:00 PM

BS

“ My first meeting with Dorse was around 2010. He and Deanna came by my musical instrument repair shop with a few instruments with the intention of leaving them for repair. Though I don't remember specifics, it is safe to say that they were all interesting, but not valuable, making professional repairs cost prohibitive. But as we chatted, I found myself encouraging him to take the instrument class that I taught at the Augusta Heritage Center in Elkins, WV.

Well, there was a week's Pratt & Whitney vacation time that couldn't be used for a family trip.

From then, Dorse came to the instrument repair class every year, eventually becoming my class assistant, when no one else would take the job. Kidding. I think Dorse had as much fun helping out the students as he did fixing his own instruments

Once a year was not enough for Dorse to take repair class. Throughout the year I would get calls from Dorse telling me that he wanted to come over for “adult supervision.” He needed to bounce repair ideas off me and my crew or maybe use a few specialty tools that he did not need to invest in. Hopefully we had done a similar job and could tell him which techniques he was thinking about would be successes or failures. And knowing that coming empty handed when using someone's shop might get old, so he gladly paid the Buckhannon tax. One dozen donuts from the world-famous Donut Shop. That kept the shop crew happy! Donuts or not, the moocher's bench was always open for Dorse.



Bob Smakula - September 12, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SB

Sorry for your loss. He was a special man that loved the Lord. Love & hugs

sharon burr - September 12, 2023 at 09:26 PM

MA

“ *Deanna and family, may the thoughts, prayers and love of so many who care for you help you to endure these days. I will always remember how kind Dorse was and the beautiful music he would play at the family reunion. May thoughts of such wonderful times with him bring joy to your hearts each and every day. We all love you!*
Mariah Corica-Lambert and family

Mariah - September 12, 2023 at 08:21 PM

CE

“ *To the family of Dorse,*

So sorry for your loss he was such a kindhearted man would go out of his way to help anyone in need. I worked with Dorse at Pratt & Whitney for many year we both retired in 2015 when they offered the buyout package. I would have to say while working at Pratt he was the best electrician we had.

Cindy Eagle - September 12, 2023 at 08:20 PM

JH

Such a sweet kindhearted man of God. Rest in peace dear friend. You were always kind to me and always had a smile.

JoEllen Hefner - September 12, 2023 at 09:00 PM

MG

Rest in peace my friend!! Our thoughts and prayers for your family.

Mark Grubb - September 12, 2023 at 09:18 PM

SL

“ Deanna, we have enjoyed knowing the two of you over the years and seeing your smiling faces when you come into the Ace store. Always a friendly hello and sweet smiles and hugs. We want you and your family to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the good Lord bring you peace and comfort. Love to all, Eric and Stormee

Stormee Light - September 12, 2023 at 04:28 PM

SK

Deanna, so very sorry to hear of Dorse passing. Many prayers for you and your family. So enjoyed you and Dorse in July at Elizabeth's Wedding. Wish we knew you all better when we were neighbors. Tom and I always enjoyed seeing Dorse at various stores. He was a nice man. Peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Sharon Kimble - September 12, 2023 at 05:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr..



September 12, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr..

September 12, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dorse Eugene Gillum Jr..*



September 12, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Dee, Scotty, Leslie and Family, our hearts are heavy to hear of the passing of Dorse. Heaven is so much brighter but it doesn't take away from our heartache of missing him. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers; sending love to all.*

Clay and Karen Persinger - September 12, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ *Leslea -Sending hugs and love during this most difficult time. May God hold you and yours. --Judy Curran*

Judith Curran - September 12, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you. I would love to be there with you all. But I'm not able. But my thoughts and prayers are with you all. He was a good person. Love talking to him at the Homecoming. I remember mom always talked about him also.*



Teresa Huffman Tenney - September 12, 2023 at 09:54 AM

CP

Dorse was a kind and gentleman. I always looked forward to his weekly phone calls where we reminisced about those who had gone on before us, many of them blazing the trail for Jesus followers. Thank you Gillum family for sharing him with us

Carolyn Patterson - September 12, 2023 at 10:04 AM

JC

Dorse was my brother-in-law but more like a brother. We spent many days hunting, working together, and discussing God. He was a truly Godly man and has joined his Dad, Mom, and Debbie in Heaven to rejoice with the Lord. We will see them all again. Rest in peace brother.

Joe Carrico - September 12, 2023 at 12:22 PM

DB

What a kind, generous and just all around great guy. Strong in his faith and loved his family. I was blessed by knowing him.

Dave Burr - September 12, 2023 at 09:28 PM

DS

It was a blessing to have Dorse and family as a neighbor for many years. Spent many hours talking. A big loss for us here on Earth, But a huge gain in Heaven. Blessings to the Family and Friends.

Dave and Charlotte Smith - September 16, 2023 at 10:51 PM

JB

How heavy our hearts are for your loss Deanna. Dorse will be remembered by his bright smile and hand shake of friendship. Heaven has a new beautiful angel. Praying for continuous comfort in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jo & Bill Baxa

Jo and Bill Baxa - September 17, 2023 at 07:40 PM

RH

Goodbye to a one-time neighbor, schoolmate, and old friend. It is far too soon to be saying goodbye to Dorse.

Roger House - January 27, 2024 at 04:27 PM