



## Michael Gilles

February 17, 1957 - July 19, 2014

Michael Gilles, age 57, of Jupiter, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 19, 2014. Mike is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Terri, sons Michael and Matthew Gilles, brother Nelson Pontillo of Va., nieces Joanne Weaver of Va., Lynn Pontillo of Va., Mary Pontillo of NY. Mike retired as Lieutenant from Riviera Beach Police and owned an Insurance Agency. He loved baseball, fishing and singing. Mike was a devoted loving husband and father. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 23, 2014 at the family residence, 6188 Linton Street, Jupiter, FL 33458, Phone: 561 624-3950. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's name may be made to the Hospice of Palm Beach County or the American Cancer Society.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Gilles*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family... your smile and singing the doo wops from the 50's always generated joy and smiles in the room.... I will miss you Michael... God Bless :)*

*Chris Mylett*

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**CHris Mylett - Miami, FL - grew up together in West Babylon - August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ Growing up in West Babylon (Long Island) NY with my 6 brothers and a ton of friends all of us played organized sport(s) there are Always bound to be certain "stand outs" among the Group. Michael Gilles aka "Mike" was certainly one of the tallest and most talented basketball players at a very young age.

We all had good reason to believe Mike was going to reach lofty heights and to no surprise we were all, of course, Correct. Michael was clearly one of my Mother's very favorite friends of our family and to us brothers, Michael was a part of Our Family during our younger days where Sports equaled life itself.

Michael and my older brother Chris, were, of course very close friends. I will never forget my Mom (barely 5 ft tall) insisting Michael sit down at the kitchen table each and every time he visited us due to continued neck strains of Mom having to look up to Mike during their typical hilarious exchanges. Michael in typical fashion would always comply, sit down and commence to refer to Mom as "shorty" : ) Mom would quickly remind Michael the broomstick was never out of her reach and Michael would stand up and hold the broomstick over his head! Ha Ha To this, my Father (NYPD/at the time) quickly expressed to Michael his professional opinion Mike had an innate aptitude for a career in law enforcement : ) The passing of our Dear Friend, Michael Gilles while deeply sad on a very personal basis; may and should remind us all the fragility of Life itself but much more importantly the continued joy Mike gave to us all throughout his life are now highlighted and subject to most worthy reward in Heaven. Fair winds and following seas to our Dear Friend, Mike Gilles may God continue to embrace You, Your Wife, Your Children, Your Family and Your Friends. John M. Mylett, Buffalo, New York on behalf of the Entire Mylett Family.

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**JOHN M. MYLETT - Buffalo, NY - Friend** - August 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Gillis Family. We are so glad to know you and Mike and so sorry for your loss of a great Dad and Husband. He always had a smile on his face whenever we saw him! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family...

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**Maria Falciano - Jupiter, FL - Friend and neighbor - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

JN

“ I feel so lucky to have had the best uncle ever. His energy and love always made me feel special. There are only great memories. My heart is aching over his death. I miss him but know that he's now entertaining those that went before him! Heaven just became an even brighter place.

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**JoAnne Weaver - Charlottesville, VA - Niece - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

CN

“ Our hearts are deeply saddened by the enormous loss of our Dear Friend Mike. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to Terri, Mike and Matt. Our memories of the times spent with Mike are vast and timeless and for that we shall cherish forever. Mike truly was a great man. Always around to help anyone in need. A man with a huge heart and an even bigger smile to go with it. Mike was ALWAYS the LIFE of any party. He would have us in stitches with jokes one minute and then have us all singing the oldies the next, and Mike could sing!! The time spent singing karaoke with Mike were the BEST!! Being neighbors with Mike and Terri were the best years of our lives. The holidays were especially memorable. Halloween was awesome as not only did Mike and Terri have the best decorated home in The Heights, but we as neighbors all took part! I played the Witch for years so I know the fun everyone had coming to their home. Christmas was another extravaganza at Mike and Terri's home. No one that were their neighbors could ever compete with their decorating skills! It goes without saying Mike loved his cars and wash and waxed them every week. His Prowler was his baby. One of the best times I personally shared with Mike was riding in the Prowler along the beach then a quick stop in at the Thirsty Turtle for a beer. Who couldn't have fond memories of a man like Mike! I guess Cathy and I could go on and on about Mike but the message I want to end with is, Mike you will be greatly missed by all. You made us laugh and always made us smile! Heaven gained one heck of an angel! Much love and support to Terri, Mike and Matt ?

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**Cathy and Shawn Carr - Charlotte, NC - Close Friend and former neighbor - July 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

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“ *Terri, Matt and Mike,  
So sorry to hear about Mike. He was so much fun when the kids  
were young and played baseball together. Always a big smile on his  
face. We loved coming to the house on Halloween and Christmas.  
He was a very special person and will be greatly missed.*

*The Monroe family*

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**Terri and Jim Monroe - Jupiter, FL - neighbor** - July 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mike, our thoughts and  
prayer are with your family! Our greatest memories are living across  
the street on Linton. I'm sure Mike and Jimmy are on heavens  
beaches! We love you  
Much love the Marinos*

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**Hilary, Gage, Gabriella Marino - jupiter FI, FL - Old neighbors!** - July 25, 2014 at  
12:00 AM

BN

“ *Mike was a great neighbor and will be missed by our family. He was  
always outside. Shining the cars, keeping the yard nice, or setting  
up for the holidays. I would drive by daily and I would get a wave  
and smile EVERY time. My kids loved the wild Halloween displays  
and he was always one of the first to set up Christmas decorations.  
I know he will missed by his loved ones. Know that your family will  
be in our prayers. John 14:1-4*

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**Brian, Allyson, Kylie, Taylor, Ellie, Darius, and Luke Lazarus - Jupiter, FL -  
Neighbor** - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to Terri and the family. Mike was a great neighbor and will be missed by our family. We would drive by daily and would always find him shining the cars or working in the yard. He would always wave and smile. We loved all the Halloween displays and he will truly be missed by us. Sending prayers and condolences to Terri, the boys and the entire family.

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**Scott & Debbie Heath - Jupiter, FL - Neighbor** - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Terri, Mike and Matt - We were so saddened to hear about Mike passing. He was such an awesome person, always a smile. He was one of a kind and will be dearly missed. We always look back on our Wingate Drive days and have such fond memories of all that we shared. Loved it when he sang!!! He brightened the world with his presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

*Love and prayers  
Benita, Bill and Amber*

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**Benita, Bill and Amber Rippeon** - July 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM