



Leisa Gilley

September 30, 2019

Big Stone Gap, VA

Leisa Gilley, 58, was welcomed into eternal peace with her Savior on September 30th, 2019.

Leisa's gentle heart and compassion for others lead her throughout life. This holy calling lead her to work in the field of mental health, being a listening ear and empathetic support to those in need. Leisa was a 2011 graduate of Lindsey Wilson College, earning a bachelor's degree in Counseling.

Leisa is survived by her husband, best friend and forever love, Tony Gilley. From the age of 15, they were inseparable. For 38 years, they exhibited love and grace to each other as a married couple. Their love for each other was clear to all who knew them.

Leisa is also survived by her daughter, Megan Gilley Rutherford and her son (Leisa erased the in-law part years ago), Chris Rutherford.

Leisa was a loving and doting grandmother to Izzy, Beck and Eli Rutherford. Leisa was also a mother to every child who needed one.

It was Leisa's wishes that her funeral be a private family service and burial. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, please use the time and money spent on such things to enjoy time with loved ones. Leisa truly loved living and truly loved others.

Honor her by loving one another. This obituary was written by her daughter Megan.

You may go online to view the obituary, sign the guest registry, or leave the family a condolence at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leisa Gilley*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



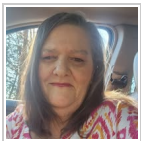
“ *Had no idea Lisa had passed. She is with God on streets paved with gold. I pray for comfort for your family. Tammy Dillon*

Tammy Dillon - October 22, 2019 at 02:32 AM



“ *Will see you again my sweet friend. Will never forget the memories*

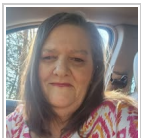
Carletta Fannon - October 17, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *You will never be forgotten you was always so sweet and caring for my Boys Mike and Jon ..God recieved a good caring person.
The Funk Family*



Sherry Funk - October 10, 2019 at 07:39 PM



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CR

“ *Leisa holds a special place in my heart. My first cousin and best friend growing up she protected me from bullying and taught me about kindness. We were playmates and spent a lot of time having fun and laughing together. When she met Tony, the love of her life I knew she would be his bride. Their love inspired me to find the same kind of life. She loved her family dearly and was so proud of them. She was a hard worker who took care of her Mother, Helen until her passing and I know you are both in heaven together in God's loving arms. Love and prayers to her sweet family.*💕

Connie Spears Ricker - October 10, 2019 at 06:41 AM

PS

“ *Tony and Megan, I am so sorry to hear of Leisa's passing. I know that while you are sad, she is rejoicing in the presence of The King. Jesus said to the thief on the cross, "Today you will be with me in Paradise".*

Pat Scardo - October 04, 2019 at 10:00 AM

MR

“ *I had the absolute honor to have known this amazing woman. She boasted about her family at every appointment she had and I felt like I knew all of them as my own family. There was no denying that she loved life no matter how hard things got. My thoughts and prayers are with this sweet family, may God comfort each and everyone of you. I know that I will hug my family a few extra times. Thank you for being so kind to all of us at The Regional Eye Center*
-Megan Rutherford

Megan Rutherford - October 03, 2019 at 08:42 AM

MS

“ Leisa, was the best... always friendly, an willing to help any one.. can't remember a time I haven't known her.. her an Tony, were the best loved couples an set a example of what true love is all about, best friends.. That was her an Tony... she will forever be missed, Thoughts an Prayers for her an her beautiful family.. We love you guys Maria Bentley Stidham An Brandon Bentley... 🙏❤️🙏💔

maria bentley stidham - October 02, 2019 at 11:11 PM

BB

“ Leisa used to come and pick me up & take me to peanut cheerleading practice/games, then take me home. She would sometimes buy my Gatorades (there were 5 kids my parents were supporting), & help me paint all my signs. She really went out of her way to make sure I was able to get to practice & games, stay hydrated, & really be a part of the team for the 2 or 3 years I did it. I'm in my mid 30s now, & I've thought about her kindness to me many, many times in my life. There's not a person among us who she didn't love and show kindness to. I thanked her several times, and I'd like to say thank you to her family for sharing your awesome person with all who knew her.

Brandi Bellamy - October 02, 2019 at 09:56 PM

MR

Brandi, my Mother loved you. Thank you for sharing these wonderful memories of her. ❤️

Megan Gilley Rutherford - October 02, 2019 at 11:03 PM

EL

“ Will forever be missed, as she was very special lady indeed!! Always had a smile and helped everyone she could! Absolutely heartbreakon when I heard the news! Continued prayers for all! But, know the world sure lost a very very special lady!!!

Ellie - October 02, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ I had the wonderful pleasure of meeting Leisa through my bachelor program at Lindsey Wilson. Leisa was like the mother of our cohort, always lending an ear for our problems, hugging us when we were down, and just being there. My dog passed away during this time, to which Leisa immediately offered one of her pups, who we still have today...9 years later. Thank you Leisa for everything. You will be missed dearly. May your family find peace and comfort during this very hard time. Love you lady.



Rebecca Anne - October 02, 2019 at 06:35 PM

SS

I am so sorry to hear of Leisa's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Samdy Smith - October 02, 2019 at 08:56 PM

LG

Sorry for your loss. I will always remember her bright smile, kind word and loving heart. She was a blessing to know.

Lorraine Gilliam - October 02, 2019 at 09:21 PM



Donna Puckett

So sorry Tony and Megan and family. Many wonderful memories of out Little Leagues times with you.

Donna Puckett - October 03, 2019 at 01:19 AM



Gwen Rogers

Tony I just don't have the words to express how terribly sorry I am. She was truly one of a kind and I am blessed to have so many wonderful memories going back to when we were growing up, going to ballgames and track meets. Your in my prayers my dear sweet cousin and if there is anything Donnie or I can do please let us know.

Gwen Rogers - October 10, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss she was a wonderful lady she will be missed prayers to you and your family her smiles were contagious may she rest in peace now*

Sandy Franklin - October 02, 2019 at 05:39 PM

GW

“ *Condolences to the Gilley and Lovell families. All the Lovell kids went to Powell Valley and were known and loved by so many. Rest in peace, dear Leisa.*

Georgann Wampler - October 02, 2019 at 02:40 PM

EB

“ *I was shocked and sad to hear Aunt Leisa passed away. I have fond memories of our large family at the holidays while growing up, Leisa was always so involved in those special days. I remember she and Tony taking us with them when they were dating, around to different places and events in town. I remember we would go walking for exercise and having great conversations for a nephew with an aunt fairly close in age. Tony and Megan you are in my thoughts and prayers. Erick Bowman.*

Erick Bowman - October 02, 2019 at 11:03 AM

MR

Thank you so much, Erick. You were so special to my Mom. ❤️

Megan Gilley Rutherford - October 02, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ So sorry about my dear friend, Leisa! I'll always remember our road trips and all the fun times we had eating out at all the restaurants in Lee County! I can't believe you are in Heaven! Love you my BFF rest in peace!

Ginger Sullivan - September 30, 2019 at 10:17 PM