



# Terry Lee Gillette

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**T**erry Lee Gillette, age 75, passed away February 15, 2023. Terry's visitation will be on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 6pm – 8pm and Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 10am until the start of his service at 11am at Eineder Funeral Homes-Michigan Center Chapel (formerly Arthur-Day Funeral Home).

He was born on August 10, 1947, in Jackson, Michigan to Harley and Jane (Seckinger) Gillette. Terry married the love of his life, Kathy, on November 25, 1972, in Jackson, Michigan. Terry was a graduate of Michigan Center High School in 1965. After High School, Terry went on to Jackson Community College, Eastern Michigan University and graduated from Wayne State University with his Doctorate in Law. He was a member of the Michigan Bar Association and practiced law for 50 years. He will be remembered as an amazing husband, father, and papa. He adored his family, especially his grandkids. Terry was known as the life of the party and a “collector of people”. Michigan Center Lake was Terry's happy place, and he spent many years with close friends and family on the water. Terry loved to cook and especially bake. He was known as “The Cookie Man” and would donate his wonderful cookies to many in the local community. Terry was also a member of Duck's Unlimited and Trout Unlimited because of his passion for hunting and fishing. In addition, Terry was a long-time former member of The Three Horse Club and a past president for the Clearwater Association.

Terry will be missed by his beloved wife, Kathy; his children, Mandy Allen and Josh (Jenni) Gillette; brother, Dave (Judy) Gillette and sister Susan (Charlie) Stone, sister and brother-in-law Mollie and Jon Cardell; grandchildren Addie Allen, Evan Gillette and Colt Gillette; God Daughters, Cari Lynn Thornton and Cori Conley and many cherished friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Jane Gillette


Memorial contributions are suggested to American Cancer Society and Henry Ford Jackson Hospice Home or Memorial contributions may be given to family for future designation. Please leave a message of comfort for Terry's family or sign his guestbook at [www.EinederFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EinederFuneralHomes.com).



# Events

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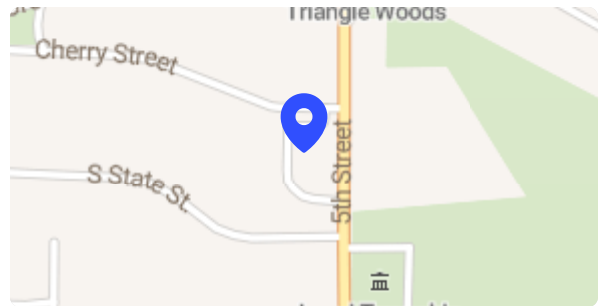
## Family Visitation

 **Friday**, February 24, 2023


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Eineder Funeral Homes - Michigan Center Chapel**

820 5th St, Michigan Center MI 49254



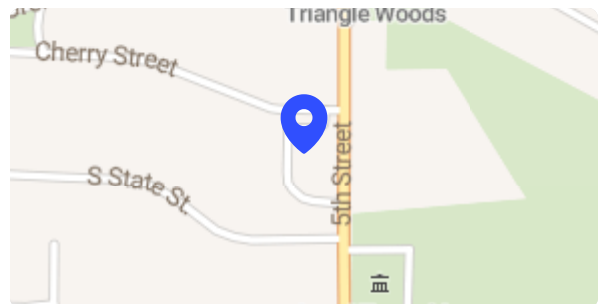
## Family Visitation

 **Saturday**, February 25, 2023


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Eineder Funeral Homes - Michigan Center Chapel**

820 5th St, Michigan Center MI 49254



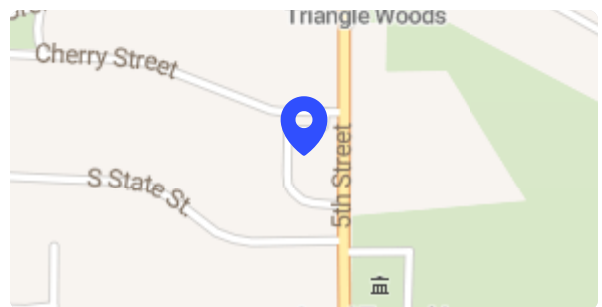
## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, February 25, 2023

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Eineder Funeral Homes - Michigan Center Chapel**

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## Tribute Wall

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**Kathi Cagney** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Prayers for all family and friends.

March 1 at 8:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gillette family.



February 21 at 4:45 PM



**Rick Schaffner** lit a candle in honor of Terry.

Kathy, I am very sorry for your loss, my sympathies to you and your family.

February 21 at 5:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Gillette family.



February 18 at 6:38 PM



**Susan Furnas** posted:

I was honored to work for this man for 7 years right out of high school. He was without a doubt, one of the kindest people I've even known. His cooking will always be remembered, along with his humor. His creation of turtle was fantastic. Most of all, he gave me a chance to work in the field of law, which was inspiring. I so remember the love for his family. May you rest in peace and watch over your loved ones from above.

February 18 at 12:43 PM



**Vicki Martz-Hills** posted:

Kathy and Family, my heartfelt sympathies are with you during this difficult time. May you take comfort in all of your memories! -- Vicki Hills

February 18 at 5:05 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gillette family.



February 17 at 1:40 PM



**Julie Garrison** posted:

Kathy and family, My condolences to all of you! You were so lucky to have had him in your lives!

February 16 at 3:57 PM



**Lori Harrell** posted:

Kathy and family, peace and comfort to you all as you navigate the coming days, weeks and months. He was so proud to drop off cookies or baked goods at the school to share with the staff. I didn't know him well but he certainly loved life. Prayers to you.

February 16 at 3:53 PM



**Cheryl Strzyzewski** posted:

Kathy and Family - I am so sorry to read of Terry's passing. I was fortunate to be the recipient of some of his baked homemade goods back in the day, and although I only met him to talk with him a couple of times at school, I have enjoyed seeing the beloved family times you have shared on FB. It was easy to see what a wonderful patriarch of the family he was and how much he both loved and was loved by all of you. May God grant each one of you the peace and serenity you need during this sorrowful time, and also bless you with much comfort in the days ahead.

February 16 at 11:30 AM



**Don Smith** posted:

Kathy, Sorry for your loss Terry was a great man and neighbor, had a lot of fun times over the years. He will be missed by all. Don Smith

February 16 at 10:29 AM



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**Mary Reska Friend** posted:

What a special friend!! Mary Reska

February 16 at 8:58 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Terry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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