



Buddy Gilstrap

January 24, 1970 - March 23, 2025

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Easley, South Carolina

Buddy Gilstrap, age 55, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Cottingham Hospice House in Anderson.

Born on January 24, 1970, in Greenville, South Carolina, Buddy was the son of the late Donald Austin Gilstrap and Frankie Freeman Gilstrap. A proud attendee of Easley High School, Buddy later found his professional path at Thermoforming Plastics. He was a man of many passions, with a deep love for fishing, and he found joy in the camaraderie of a good pool game. His adventurous spirit led him to enjoy long motorcycle rides and the thrill of shooting firearms. Buddy also had a fondness for exploring flea markets, where he loved hunting for unique treasures, particularly knives, which he collected with great enthusiasm. His diverse interests reflected his vibrant personality and love for the simple pleasures in life.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Gilstrap of Easley; children, Cole Gilstrap, Cassidy Gilstrap, and Gracie Gilstrap, all of Easley; and sister, Cissy Gilstrap Ledford.

Mr. Gilstrap was predeceased by his parents, Donald and Frankie Gilstrap.

The family will hold a celebration of Buddy's life that will be announced at a later date.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Gilstrap family.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Love you Dad, not a single day goes by where I don't think about you. We miss you, your absence is felt tenfold. I'm sorry for being a hard head, I'd give anything to talk to you again. We sing your song everytime we go fishing now and that's about the only time we ever get a bite. Thanks. Love you

Cassidy Gilstrap - November 20, 2025 at 10:35 PM

KR

“ Ken and I loved working with Buddy at Mayfair Mills in his younger years. He was a big Florida State fan at that time! We always made bets with each other when Florida State played Clemson! Ken and Buddy continued their friendship years later by going on many fishing trips with their other friend Jack Thomas. Ken wanted me to share this story of Buddy during one of their fishing escapades. “ The fishing was kinda of slow so Buddy decided he was going to entice the fish by singing a song he made up! ‘Fishy, fishy in the brook! Please come jump on hook.’ They laughed about that song for a long time after that!
We love ya! Sure gonna miss your crazy self!
Condolences to you Cissy, Kim and family! Prayers going up for your comfort and peace during this time.
Love you guys, Ken and Linda Rampey

Ken & Linda Rampey - March 27, 2025 at 06:15 PM

GB

I am so sorry to hear about Buddy passing. To tell you the truth, I thought he was getting better.i send my prayers to the children and Kim. I will be praying for them in church We love yall Grady and Kathy Black

Grady Black - March 28, 2025 at 02:10 PM

DP

“ I worked with Buddy for many years at FabriKal. He was always so nice and a great guy to cut up with. He will be missed. My condolences to you Kim and your famiky.

Dawn Porter - March 27, 2025 at 02:38 PM

JJ

Buddy was there for me in my darkest days we worked at May fair mill in Easley we fished together raised heck together love him like a brother just a great friend to have Friends like Buddy don't come along very often R.I.P my friend .

Jack Jackson - March 27, 2025 at 04:22 PM