



Luther Martin Gillespie

December 7, 1957 - April 25, 2020

Luther Martin Gillespie, age 62, born December 7, 1957, to the late Eugene and Annie Ruth Gillespie, passed away after a lengthy illness on April 25, 2020, at his home in Johnson City surrounded by loved ones.

Luther attended Northside Elementary, North Junior High, and was a 1975 graduate of Science Hill High School. He attended computer school in Kansas prior to his job at Eastman Chemical Company. Luther worked in several departments before retiring with 35 years of service.

Luther was baptized at Grace Temple Church at an early age. He was a boy scout earning Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow Achievements. He enjoyed pickup basketball, chess, pool and many other contests of skill. 'Cool Hand Luke' won most of the poker games or contests he played, as he was a very smart and very lucky man. Luther was soft spoken, and had a kind and generous heart for everyone, especially his family, friends, and co-workers. He was a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan and a truly good person, which is rare these days.

Left to cherish his memory are fiancé and life partner, Kimberly Deel and children: Emily, Michael, Drew, and Tanner; brother, Eugene 'Red' (Georgia Goines) Gillespie; niece, Denise (Chris) Neal; nephew, Reginald (Kim) Gillespie; great nephews: Jadon and Jace Neal, Enoch Gillespie; great

nieces: Isabella and Issa Gillespie; great aunt: Teretha Dean Akins; special cousin Angela Driver; best friends, Larry Black, Harlon Wells, Mike Hall, Arthur 'Slick' Sanders, and John 'Spooky' Simpson; and many other family members and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Luther Martin Gillespie*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *RIP CUZ....*

Dr Charles E Stuart - July 06, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *Rest easy cousin, you are so loved and you will be missed. to the man with the Cool hand , I LOVE YOU!*



Clinton and Pam Rollins - June 24, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *Trina Scott lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Trina Scott - May 03, 2020 at 04:58 PM

PS

“ Pastor Arthur H. Coleman Sr. sent a virtual gift
in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Pastor Arthur H. Coleman Sr. - May 03, 2020 at 12:37 AM

MC

“ I worked with Luther and played basketball ball with him! He was a
good friend! A very kind man! He was like a brother! Love you
Luther! RIP in peace my friend! Thoughts and Prayers to the family!



Marcus Wayne Conley - May 02, 2020 at 05:25 PM

GQ

“ Luther you will be very missed my friend .the talks and memories at
work will always be a part of me you go rest now your work here is
done love you my friend

Gail Quillen - May 02, 2020 at 01:18 PM

BL

“ Met Luther through work at Eastman, he was a kind man. Go rest
high Luther.

Blenda - May 02, 2020 at 07:16 AM

SH

“ I worked around Luther at Eastman. A very kind and gentle soul. A
good man. Prayers for the family in the days and weeks to come.

Shelby Humphrey

shelby Watts Humphrey - May 01, 2020 at 09:31 PM

BC

“ *RIP my friend many great times in our neighborhood.*

Brien Crowder - April 30, 2020 at 08:25 PM

JS

“ *May God be with and comfort the family during this time.*

John & Barbara Stevens - April 30, 2020 at 08:26 AM

CS

“ *RIP cuz.....*



Charles Stuart - April 29, 2020 at 07:06 PM

JC

“ *James And Brenda Charles*



James And Brenda Charles - April 29, 2020 at 05:41 PM

SW

“ *Stacie Workman lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Stacie Workman - April 29, 2020 at 03:33 PM

MV

“ R.I.P my brother!!



Micheal Vaughan - April 29, 2020 at 03:01 PM

CA

“ Cissy Anderson Allen lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Cissy Anderson Allen - April 29, 2020 at 02:58 PM

GD

“ With integration in Johnson City Schools came the opportunity to make new friends. At Northside Elementary I quickly became friends with Luther, Michael Hall, Jimmy Smith, and John Drakeford. These friendships have endured over 50+ years. I will miss you Luther. Sympathy to Kim and the rest of your family. Galen Droke

Galen Droke - April 29, 2020 at 12:15 PM

JE

“ Kimber...I am so sorry to hear of Luther's passing. My heart hurts for you. Remember the good times and all that he meant to you. Grief is difficult, trust me I know, but you are a strong woman. Nothing I can say will make you feel better but you are in my prayers. Julia Ellis

Julia Ellis - April 29, 2020 at 09:54 AM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Pauline Douglas - April 28, 2020 at 09:28 PM

JL

“ *Julia Anderson / Letcher lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Julia Anderson / Letcher - April 28, 2020 at 09:07 PM

HB

“ *Hattie Barkley lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Hattie Barkley - April 28, 2020 at 07:24 PM

RF

“ *Renea Hall And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Renea Hall and Family - April 28, 2020 at 05:52 PM

RF

Kim and the entire Gillespie Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. 💔💔💔

Renea Hall and Family - April 28, 2020 at 05:54 PM



Doochie and family send their prayers and love to the entire family and friends of Luther.

Barbara Hall - April 29, 2020 at 09:01 AM

DG

“ *It is with our sincere sympathy that we share the loss of Luther. Prayers and thoughts for Kim and family.* ”



Deborah Grey - April 28, 2020 at 12:36 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Ann James lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie* ”



Mary Ann James - April 28, 2020 at 11:07 AM

CW

“ *Cecelia Williams lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie* ”



Cecelia Williams - April 28, 2020 at 10:22 AM

CB

“ *Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Carol Bradley - April 28, 2020 at 09:36 AM

AS

“ *Alan Sanders lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Alan Sanders - April 28, 2020 at 07:17 AM

ML

“ *Mary And James Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Mary and James Latham - April 28, 2020 at 12:54 AM

TA

“ *RIP dear Luther In Loving memory from great Aunt Teretha Akins*

Teretha Akins - April 28, 2020 at 12:37 AM

TA

“ Teretha Akins lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Teretha Akins - April 28, 2020 at 12:33 AM

KM

“ Kathy Mills lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Kathy Mills - April 28, 2020 at 12:08 AM

MA

“ Mary C. Allen lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Mary C. Allen - April 27, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ I'm Praying comfort to his family and brother Red, my classmate from Dunbar all the way to Science Hill RIP Luther until we meet again in God kingdom

Jeanne Sayers-jackson - April 27, 2020 at 10:45 PM

CC

“ *R.I.P. Luther...no more pain.*



Chuck Carroll - April 27, 2020 at 08:07 PM

JM

“ *I remember a Great person!! Luther will be missed by all that knew him! I remember making him a CD and putting country music on the label and he said well nobody will steal this! LOL It was all old Motown hits*

Janice McKinney - April 27, 2020 at 07:51 PM

ME

So sweet, kind and helpful for his family.

ML Estep - April 28, 2020 at 04:31 PM

KT

“ *Keitha Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Keitha Thompson - April 27, 2020 at 07:39 PM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Gary & Moricina Fain - April 27, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LW

“ Luther and I went from 6th grade at Northside all the way through high school a kind wonderful gentleman Praying for his family May the Peace of the Lord be with you Laura Walker

laura walker - April 27, 2020 at 04:36 PM

BJ

“ Bobby Jack Ryans Jr lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Bobby Jack Ryans Jr - April 27, 2020 at 04:31 PM

DF

“ Debra F.Williams lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Debra F.Williams - April 27, 2020 at 02:37 PM

TG

“ Thomas A Graham lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Thomas A Graham - April 27, 2020 at 12:32 PM

BD

“ Brenda Davis lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Brenda Davis - April 27, 2020 at 12:30 PM

LB

“ Lisa Butler lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Lisa Butler - April 27, 2020 at 12:29 PM

DF

“ Dwayne Forney lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Dwayne Forney - April 27, 2020 at 12:27 PM

DF

One of the best friends ever we grew up together and eventually worked together I will miss him.

Dwayne Forney - April 27, 2020 at 12:30 PM

TB

Luther will truly be missed. My condolences to Kim and his family.

Terry and Jeannie (Bowling) Byrd - April 28, 2020 at 08:00 AM

GB

“ *G. L. & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



G. L. & Trish Bristol - April 27, 2020 at 12:15 PM

NF

“ *Nate & Marchelle Fields lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Nate & Marchelle Fields - April 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM

CW

“ *Luther was a kind man, he was always very professional about the way he done his job. Rest in peace now you are free from all the sadness of the world. May God comfort your family during this sad time.*

Connie Strong, friend from work - April 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM

VR

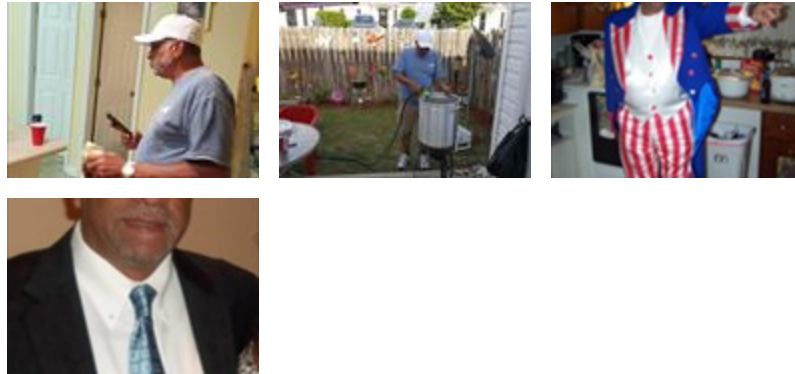
“ Vanessa Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie



Vanessa Robinson - April 27, 2020 at 10:34 AM

AI

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Arthur Dean III - April 27, 2020 at 09:59 AM

AI

My special cuzz, He will be truly missed. Even with his passing and looking at these pictures I can't help but to smile. He was a witty character to that I want to remember him..Go with God Luther and rest in peace. Love you cuzz.

Arthur Dean III - April 27, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Shelia Bagwell lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Shelia Bagwell - April 27, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Angelo Newman - April 27, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Paula Colston Cavin lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Paula Colston Cavin - April 27, 2020 at 05:52 AM



“ *Raymond & Carol Oxendine sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Raymond & Carol Oxendine - April 26, 2020 at 11:56 PM

PR

“ *Pate Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Pate Rhea - April 26, 2020 at 05:20 PM

CT

“ *Connie Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Connie Thompson - April 26, 2020 at 04:41 PM

DG

“ *Worked with Luther for years...probably the coolest guy I ever worked with! Always a class act and sorry to hear of his passing!*
Darrell Greer

DARRELL GREER - April 26, 2020 at 04:25 PM

VF

“ *Viola And Patton Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Viola and Patton Family - April 26, 2020 at 03:19 PM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - April 26, 2020 at 01:03 PM

CR

“ *Cheryl Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Cheryl Rhea - April 26, 2020 at 12:59 PM

AS

“ *Andre STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Andre STEVENS - April 26, 2020 at 12:42 PM

DN

“ *Danny Neal lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Danny Neal - April 26, 2020 at 11:04 AM

SS

“ *Sandra Stevens-Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Sandra Stevens-Bell - April 26, 2020 at 08:14 AM

DP

“ *Debbie Page lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Debbie Page - April 26, 2020 at 07:01 AM

CL

“ *Chikenia And Sierra Livingston lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Chikenia and Sierra Livingston - April 26, 2020 at 12:51 AM

AS

“ *Arthur & Angela Sanders lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Arthur & Angela Sanders - April 26, 2020 at 12:46 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Louis Locke Jr - April 25, 2020 at 10:42 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



crystal anderson - April 25, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ *Carolyn Fain lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Carolyn Fain - April 25, 2020 at 08:18 PM

CB

“ *Charles Buford lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Charles Buford - April 25, 2020 at 08:14 PM

EC

“ *Escuse And Gail Charles lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Escuse and Gail Charles - April 25, 2020 at 08:00 PM

NG

“ *Nancy Greenlee lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Nancy Greenlee - April 25, 2020 at 07:30 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - April 25, 2020 at 07:16 PM

MB

“ *Melinda Bradley lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



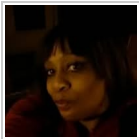
Melinda Bradley - April 25, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Linda Workman - April 25, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Paulette Robinson - April 25, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Regina Smith lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Regina Smith - April 25, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ *Carla Forney lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Carla Forney - April 25, 2020 at 03:20 PM

DB

“ *Diane Bradley lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Diane Bradley - April 25, 2020 at 03:05 PM

CR

“ *Cecil And Clara Rutledge sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Cecil and Clara Rutledge - April 25, 2020 at 03:01 PM

BS

“ *Bobbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Bobbie Smith - April 25, 2020 at 02:37 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Kathy Mills - April 25, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



William H. Hill Jr. - April 25, 2020 at 12:49 PM

Mary Rollins

“ *Condolences to your family*



Mary Rollins - April 25, 2020 at 12:32 PM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Melvin Drumgoole - April 25, 2020 at 11:26 AM

MD

Rest In Peace. Luther Was A Good Human Being.

Melvin Drumgoole - April 25, 2020 at 11:27 AM

JW

“ *Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Martin Gillespie*



Janice wells - April 25, 2020 at 10:05 AM

JW

LUTHER WILL BE MISSED MY HUSBAND(HARLAN)AND HE WORKED TOGETHER AND WE'RE VERY GOOD FRIENDS HE'S AT PEACE NOW NO MORE SUFFERING HE'S WAS A VERY GENTLE AND KIND PERSON. HARLAN AND JANICE WELLS

Janice wells - April 25, 2020 at 10:09 AM