



## Michael L. Gillen

January 11, 1966 - August 11, 2013

Morenci—Michael L. Gillen, 47, of Morenci, passed away under the loving care of his family and Hospice of Lenawee at the Hospice of Lenawee home on Sunday, August 11, 2013.

Michael was born on January 11, 1966, at Morenci Hospital to Jane (Keefer) and John C. Gillen. He graduated from Morenci with the class of 1984 and then went to Spring Arbor College graduating with a BA degree. Michael worked at the Adrian Training School and later he worked at the Hillsdale Department of Human Services. On May 28, 1988, he married Karen Phillips in Morenci, MI, she survives; they just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Michael was a spirit filled, God loving man who shared his love for the Lord as a counselor at Christian Mission, he was also a member of Abundant Life Assembly in Brooklyn. He will be greatly missed by the many individuals whom he helped; as well as his family, and many friends.

His survivors include his beloved wife, Karen; his parents; his children, who filled his world with great joy, Micah, Mariah and Adam, all of Morenci; his brother John (Audrey) of Oregon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Judy.

Funeral services for Michael will be at 11:00 am on Thursday, August 15, 2013, at Bethany Assembly of God, Adrian with Pastor Steve Samonek officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, in Morenci. Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 14, 2013, from 2 to 4 pm and 5-8 pm at Wagley

Funeral Home, Adrian; and also on Thursday at the church from 10 – 11:00 am before the service. Memorial contributions in Michael’s memory may be made to his family or to the donor’s choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and the church. Online condolences are welcomed at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove

12440 Lime Creek Highway (M156)  
Morenci, MI 49256

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI

## Visitation

AUG 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI

## Visitation

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Assembly of God  
2045 East US 223  
Adrian, MI

## Service

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AUG 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethany Assembly of God  
2045 East US 223  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael L. Gillen*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michael L. Gillen*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Karen & family,  
Our hearts are breaking for you at your loss. Mike was a tremendous man of God and we cherish our times together. Although we have moved away and can't be there with you, just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Also, hugs for John and Jane, who meant so much to us also during our time in Morenci.  
Love you all, Rod and Debbie Wilson*

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**Debbie Wilson** - August 15, 2013 at 07:46 AM

BK

“ mike always wanted to do mission work like paul and i have been blessed to do the maps work for now 10 years after retiring from ats where we worked together for 15 years and shared alot of the same interest always had a great relationship i often kidded him being i could have been his mom of age saying " mike you can call me mother but don't call me motha :-( now he is with his heavenly father doing some of the things of mission he continues to do a friend in christ barb klanke

barb klanke - August 14, 2013 at 09:02 AM

CT

“ Carol Turner lit a candle in memory of Michael L. Gillen



Carol Turner - August 14, 2013 at 08:11 AM

SV

“ Karen- it was a pleasure growing up with you and Mike. You're kind, loving and just the best. The world lost a wonderful man, but we know we'll see him again. We take comfort in knowing his future is secure. You're family, friends, church, and classmates are all here for you. In loving memory our warm and cherished thoughts are of Mike and our love and friendship go out to you. - Sherry Williams (Valentine)

Sherry Valentine - August 13, 2013 at 08:32 PM

SD

“The deep pain that is felt at the death of every friendly soul, arises from the feeling that there is in every individual something which is inexpressible, peculiar to him alone, and is, therefore, absolutely and irretrievably lost.”

? Arthur Schopenhauer

*Though not large in stature, Michael was a giant in every other way. He will indeed be irreplaceable.*

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**sybil diccion** - August 13, 2013 at 08:27 PM

VP

“Dear Karen, I am very sorry to hear about Mike. Please feel free to call me anytime and if there is anything that I can do, please don't hesitate to ask. I didn't know Mike or your family on a personal level, but there wasn't a time when I saw Mike at church when his smile was not radiating and very contagious. Hebrews 12:1 Hugs.

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**Vickie Patterson** - August 13, 2013 at 07:39 PM

CD

“Karen and Kids, Words can not heal and time does not let us forget but for the grace of God you will get through this. Know you are loved and placed in the arms of Jesus for his peace that the world can not give or understand to comfort you through this time of grieving. Hugs, Robert and Cheryl Dunn



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**Cheryl Dunn** - August 13, 2013 at 05:05 PM

SS

“ Mike has been an incredible friend and faithful supporter of our ministry for many years. He and Karen, Micah, Mariah, and Adam have been a huge part of the church plant in Brooklyn. His heart for the Lord, his family, his friends, and for people in need is amazing, inspiring, and humbling.

*I have to believe that as Mike came face to face with the Master that Jesus said "well, well, well, well, well . . .done good and faithful servant." A+ - 110% - Awesome!*

*You will be deeply missed. Sunday afternoons won't be the same! My prayers and love are with Karen and kids. God Bless! Yet will I praise Him!*

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**Steve Samonek** - August 13, 2013 at 01:22 PM

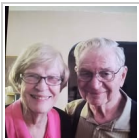
BB

“ I had the honor & pleasure of being a co-worker of Mike at ATS. There are many troubled youth who are out in the world today, who benefited so very much from Mike's teaching. Prayers for Mike and his family today and forever more.

*Friends Always,  
Bill Beecham*

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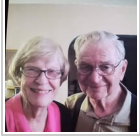
**Bill Beecham** - August 13, 2013 at 12:34 PM



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael L. Gillen.



August 13, 2013 at 09:13 AM



“ Jane and John love and many prayers during this difficult time  
Martha Harsh

martha - August 13, 2013 at 06:36 AM



“ I served as elementary principal in Morenci when Mike and Karen's children were in elementary school. Mike was the kind of father we wish every child could call "Dad." He was involved, loving and caring. But, more importantly, he was a man after God's own heart. He didn't just talk his faith with his kids, he lived it before them. He helped guide many young men besides his own son. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Your dad taught you all you need to know to live to meet him in eternity. Go forth Micah, Mariah, and Adam and be his living legacy. Your mom will be there to hold your hand. Love you all.  
Jeanie Thompson

Jeanie Thompson - August 12, 2013 at 08:49 PM

MS

“ Mike was such a great guy he went the extra mile with our foster children. patient and concerned. he is greatly missed

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**mike shadbolt** - August 12, 2013 at 08:44 PM

NE

“ Mike was always faithful to the Lord all the way back in High School. When hardly no one was serving Christ, Mike was. He never wavered. He encouraged me when I got saved and made sure to know how happy he was for me. Mike leaves quite a legacy of faith. I sure appreciate this friend. It was awesome to connect again at a men's retreat last spring. I will cherish our conversation.

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**Nate Elarton** - August 12, 2013 at 07:39 PM

LR

“ My most sincere condolences to the family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Lisa Runion** - August 12, 2013 at 07:35 PM