



Mr. Edward J. Gilliss

October 23, 1955 - December 22, 2024

On December 22, 2024, Edward Johnson Gilliss, beloved husband of Barbara (nee Stultz) Gilliss; devoted father of Ned Gilliss and his wife Bevin Kenny, Tim Gilliss and his wife Courtney Gilliss, and Tom Gilliss and his wife Jill Refvem; dear grandfather of Ruth, Grace, Beatrix, Lucille, and Greer; dear brother of David Gilliss and his wife Karen Gilliss and Lynne Gilliss Degen and her late husband Mark Degen.

Friends may call at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc., 6500 York Rd. (at Overbrook) on Friday, 1/10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9PM. Memorial service will be held Saturday, 1/11, 11:00AM, at Second Presbyterian Church, 4200 St. Paul St., Baltimore. (In addition, service will be live-streamed). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ed Gilliss Fund at the Baltimore Community Foundation via <https://bcf.org/>

<https://youtube.com/live/3M39QG8IGRwfund/gilliss> (Link for Funeral Service)

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
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Baltimore, MD 21212
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Visitation

JAN 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Second Presbyterian Church
4200 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I Just happened to learn of the untimely passing of Ed Gilliss. I came to know Ed years ago, when I was employed as Office Administrator for Second Presbyterian Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees. He was always congenial, with a great smile, and quick to express his gratitude for my help when needed. I also had the pleasure of socializing with Ed and his lovely wife Barb at many of the church's gatherings. My heartfelt condolences to their family and friends. I know Ed is sorely missed. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.

JoAnn Minarchick - October 06, 2025 at 07:46 AM

TM

“ Brian, our boys Colin and Brendan and I are blessed to have known Ed and his family since our boys first played lacrosse together, 29 years ago. Ed's smile, gracious care and kindness, wit and loving sarcasm was always welcome and enjoyed by us. He helped us with open space protection in our little Forge, our wills and changes needed when Colin died. He was such a pleasure to be with no matter the occasion. His family and of course Barb are the perfect expression of Ed and his undying love for them always. Thank you Ed. We will always be grateful for you. Peace to all those grieving the loss of this great human.

Teri Curran Mascuch - January 11, 2025 at 03:24 PM

LC

“ I went to law school with Ed and shared a house with him in Rodgers Forge for a year until he and Barb got engaged and I had to move.

Great guy, great memories. I relocated to NC 25 years ago but read the Baltimore Sun daily and was very saddened to see this news. My thoughts are with Barb, the family, and friends.

Lars Carlsten

Lars Carlsten - January 10, 2025 at 05:30 PM

KH

“ Barb, Ned, Tim and Tom, All of the Howards are thinking of you and have fond memories of the many great times we have had with you and Ed. Ed and Jeff DeCaro were my favorite law school buddies, and that continued for me when Ed and I became MSBA Presidents and on the Board of Governors. John loved Ed's sense of humor at all times, particularly when you all came to the beach house and we attempted to steam lobsters. Elizabeth and Kate loved learning all that they know today about how to act in adult company from both you and Ed. I still hear his wonderful laugh and see his great smile! With all our love, John , Kathy, Elizabeth and Kate.

Katherine Howard - January 10, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LF

“ I worked with Ed at Royston for 31 years. He was there to help me celebrate my retirement the end of May 2024. Our kids were just kids when I started at Royston and our grandbabies started arriving around the same year. Ferg and I send our love and sympathy to Barb (one of the most kind people I know) and all of his family.

Laura Ferguson - January 10, 2025 at 09:15 AM

TB

“ I had the great fortune to know Ed for the past 20 years. He led the Baltimore County Office of Law as County Attorney from 2001-2004 and those were some of the best times for that Office. We had some great, colorful litigators back in the day - John Beverungen, Paul Mayhew, Bill Wiseman, Jim Nolan, and Jeff Cook. We did some great work and Ed always had our back and ran the Office like a firm, with high standards and expectations. His standing and stature in the legal community lifted all of us to be at our best. As the years passed, it was always a treat just to have a conversation with Ed - I guess partly because it didn't happen often enough as we all get busy with careers and lives. I will miss him very, very much; it's still hard to believe we won't have any more of those conversations.

Tom Bostwick - January 09, 2025 at 06:26 PM

WA

“ We are so sad to hear of Ed's passing. Sending our love and condolences to Barb and the entire family. With love, Mike & Wendy Addington

Wendy & Mike Addington - January 07, 2025 at 07:46 PM

SR

“ Ed was a treasure, as shown by all the tributes posted. Condolences to Barb and all the Gilliss family.

Steve Ring - January 07, 2025 at 02:27 PM

CM

“ Margot and I met Ed through our mutual work on the MSBA, and then Ed and I for a number of years worked together on the investment committee. Ed was a fine person in every way! He was a lawyer of talent and integrity, He will be greatly missed by everyone. We were so fortunate to have known him and to have had him in our lives! Margot and CLEVELAND Miller

CLEVELAND Miller - January 04, 2025 at 01:50 PM

JL

“ Ed was a gift to planet earth. Always setting the right example and never a negative thing to say about anyone. I can still hear his laugh. And boy could he tell a joke. May his memory be a blessing.



Julie Landau - January 04, 2025 at 10:06 AM

PG

“ had the absolute privilege and blessing to be ed's vice chair while ed was chair, as we served together on the st. joes board . we went thru a survival threatening time , one crisis after another. we ultimately were successful, in large large part do to his leadership. , not sure what would have happened to the hospital without ed, , but it would not have been good. being in the trenches with him and his unflappable demeanor was one of the greatest blessings of my life. !! taught me so very much, by his incredible manner.. rip, dear ed,..!! blessed to have u in my life. wish i could exhibit the kindness and good nature that marked who you were !! not too many men are comfortable saying i love you to each other, but we always did !!! still do !!! pat goles

patrick goles - January 02, 2025 at 11:02 PM

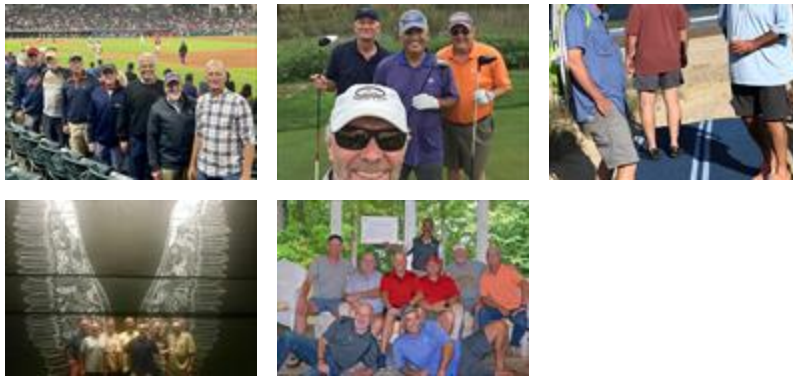
KW

“ I have worked with Ed at Royston for the past 9 years. Learning of his passing was such a huge shock, it still feels like it is not real. Ed was one of the most naturally good-natured people I have ever known. To Barb & family - I am so sorry for your unimaginable loss.

Kate Webster - January 02, 2025 at 10:09 AM

DO

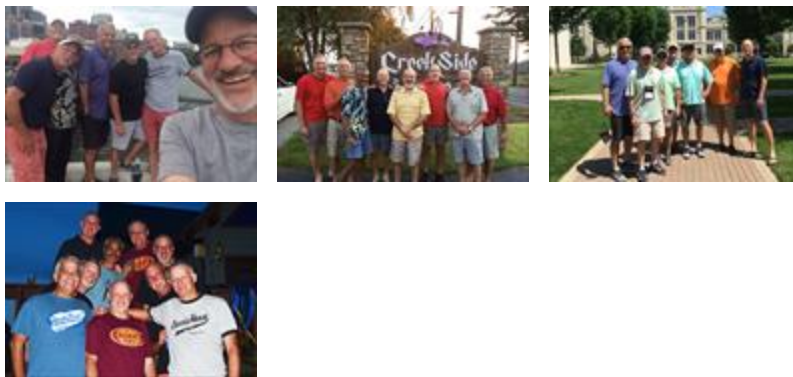
“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Dale Osterman - December 30, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DO

“ 4 files added to the album Ed



Dale Osterman - December 30, 2024 at 02:09 PM

NH

“ Carol and I have known Ed and Barb for a lot of years. Between them they showed how life should be lived. Ed always had a smile on his face and a friendly word for you. He was also a very good attorney who was very smart and resourceful. He was, to me, the perfect example of how life should be lived. May his memory be a blessing to Barb and the boys.

Neil Helfrich - December 28, 2024 at 09:56 PM

TQ

“ Ed will be deeply missed, and his kindness and integrity will always be remembered. My thoughts are with his family and friends during this most difficult time.

Theresa Quingert - December 28, 2024 at 06:55 PM

AA

“ Last summer at my Summer party. Ed's wonderful warm smile



alison asti - December 28, 2024 at 12:43 PM

JY

Have known Ed and his family my entire life and he was always so kind, funny and full of life.
He will be missed terribly.....
My love and prayers go out to Barb, the boys and all of the Gillisses ❤️
Jean Mielke Yates

Jean Yates - December 30, 2024 at 11:20 AM

EF

“ 24 files added to the album Edward J. Gilliss



Ernie Fischer - December 28, 2024 at 09:46 AM

VK

“ 1 file added to the album Edward J. Gilliss



Valerie Kozlowski - December 27, 2024 at 03:09 PM

RS

“ *Ed will always be remembered for his grace, mild mannered temperament, professionalism, and competency. Those attributes aside, his love of family and dedicated friendship to countless others set him apart from other community and statewide leaders. I will forever cherish my many fond memories of Ed and will hold dear that warm and welcoming smile that forever graced his face. What a lovely man! God bless Barb and his dear family. Most sincerely,
Dick Sothoron*

Richard Sothoron - December 27, 2024 at 11:47 AM

AA

“ I was President -Elect when Ed was MSBA President, and I learned a lot from his dignity, class, hard work as well as fun! He was top notch! A tough act to follow! Everything he aspired to he accomplished and excelled. Most of all he, along with the other MSBA dodos, has been a friend for 20 some years. He will be missed!! Unfortunately I will be out of the country for his memorial service. I will be thinking about Barb and the rest of his family!

alison asti - December 27, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ I worked closely with Ed in the early 2000s. He was the Baltimore County Attorney and I was the County Administrative Officer. His professionalism was immediately apparent, but what I really appreciated was his strong desire to help people and the manner in which he treated everyone. Ed was a gentleman and a gentle man. Honest, trustworthy and kind. A very special human being.

I wish Barb and the boys God's Peace.

John Wasilisin - December 27, 2024 at 09:35 AM

DW

“ I was a ringer for the Lord Whip Softball team years ago .Ed was a great player, especially with Barb cheering him on. You see that smile in that picture. It seemed to me it was almost ALWAYS there . This is hard to take.

DENNIS WHELLEY - December 26, 2024 at 09:03 PM

VK

“ I was Ed’s legal assistant for the past 6 years. He was one of the most kind and thoughtful attorney I have worked for. I miss our daily chats, talks about the O’s and Ravens and our time together in the office. We enjoyed a great time at our firm holiday party the Friday before his passing and I will cherish that time together. I will miss him a lot. May he rest in peace.
Valerie Kozlowski

Valerie Kozlowski - December 25, 2024 at 08:59 PM