



James Gierke

November 17, 1971 - May 3, 2010

James Christian Gierke, 38, of Jefferson City, passed away Monday, May 3, 2010, at St. Mary's Health Center, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born November 17, 1971, in St. Charles, Missouri. He was a 1990 graduate of Louisiana High School in Louisiana, Missouri, and went on to earn his degrees in Biology and Geology from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He worked for MECO Engineering as a Surveyor, and previously had worked for Lowe's Home Improvement. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Louisiana, Missouri. He is survived by his father: James "Jim" Gierke of Lake of the Ozarks; his mother: Brenda Gierke Richardson of Jefferson City; one brother: Brent Gierke (wife Sue) of Bentonville, Arkansas; one nephew: Jacob Gierke; and two nieces: Carly Gierke and Rachael Gierke. He was preceded in death by a brother: Jacob Adam Gierke in 1989; his step-father: Dave Richardson in 2006; and his grandparents: Victor & Laura Gierke and William & Ruby Bland. Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the Houser-Millard Funeral Home, where Funeral Services will be held at 6:00 p.m., with Rev. Dr. Monte Shinkle officiating. Friends will also be received from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2010, at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, Missouri. Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2010, at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, Missouri, with Rev. Thur officiating. Interment will be held at Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana, Missouri. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Jacob Gierke Scholarship Fund c/o Mercantile Bank in Louisiana,

Missouri. Arrangements in Jefferson City are under the direction of Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street; Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. (573) 636-3838. Condolences may be left for the family online at www.millardfamilychapels.com and also at collierfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Gierke*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *James Gierke*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *I send my prayers and love to the family- we were all very blessed to have had Christian in our lives.*

Susan Henry- Reichard - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim and family:*

I did not know your son, but I am truly sorry for your loss. God Speed!

Jim Ross & family

Jim Ross - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gooch, you changed and enriched my life beyond measure as I know you did with anyone you encountered. May peace and love be with you and your family forever. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Your goodwill will always remain close to my heart. Thank you for the wisdom you shared. Thank you for the unconditional love and brotherhood which will always remain.*

Steve Durgan - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Gooch, you were a great guy. Always had a kind word and encouragement to share. You enriched my life. I will miss you as I have missed you since we left school. -kai-

Tom Nittler - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Brenda, Jim, Brent, and Sue,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Christian. He will always hold a special place in my heart. I will always remember him for his kind soul and love for life. My prayers are with you during your time of loss.

With much Love, Nicole Tyre Turnbo

Nicole Tyre Turnbo - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Judy Word - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ You will be in our prayers.

Michelle Danback - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Jim. Our heart goes out to you.

Jeff and Bert Guay - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My family and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Christian was several years older than myself, but I remember he was nice to everyone he met. I had the opportunity to get to know him better when I was in high school through Chad Ford. Even though I was the youngest in the bunch and a girl, he always made me feel included.

He was one of those people you found yourself wanting to emulate. He was smart, funny, sweet and kind.

Leslie A. (Barton) Meyer - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Christian was a wonderful mix of things--he was smart, kind, funny--in a very unique way. I always loved the way he would stammer around and then tell you something brilliant. I also loved seeing Christian really get tickled by something--his laugh was contagious. I consider myself lucky to have called him my friend.

My heart aches as I pray for the Gierke family that you might find some level of healing (again).

*With my deepest sympathy,
Jenny*

REBECCA (BECKY) SANDERSON - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Christian you will be missed.

Jim, Brenda and Brent, my thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time and I know there is nothing to ease your pain but I am truly sorry for your loss.

Stacey Wallace

Stacey Wallace - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Deepest Sympathies go out to the Gierke Family. Thoughts and Prayers are with you during this difficult time and beyond. Christian will be greatly missed.*

God Bless.

Kimberly "Orr" Craig - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *You have been in my thoughts and prayers all week. I cannot express how truly sorry I am to hear about Christian and know he will be greatly missed.*

Kelly (Sheppard) Brennick - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ We are so, so sorry for your loss. Christian and I(Paula) knew each other from 7th grade on. He was a year younger but, in high school, we spent alot of choir hours together. Alot of time on buses going to and from choir events too. He was just a joy to be around. He had such a great personality and stunning smile. My mom(Rosalie Wombles Yanczer) babysat Jim when she worked at the Press-Journal for Vic. She thought the world of Vic and Laura. Anyway, I shared my stories of those days with Christian. I'm sure we were supposed to be studying or singing but, once in awhile, we just had to converse.

This is a true tragedy. Christian was such a wonderful young man and I wish we could have stayed in touch so I could have seen the wonderful man he grew into. We are truely sadden and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I feel very blessed to have been able to call Christian "friend". God Bless.

Paula and Rosalie(Wombles)Yanczer - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ All Christian's family and friends are in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

sammymeyers - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jim - Brenda and families, I am so sorry for you all. You are definitely in my thoughts and prayers. Sorry that I could not come to Collier's tonight, but I wanted you to know we are thinking of you. God be with you.

janet holland - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ To the Gierke family, my prayers & thoughts are with you. May God bestow His blessings of peace upon you during this very difficult time. Christian will truly be missed.

Maria Shelton- Cavitt - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My prayers are with Christian's family.
Your friend from Mexico always remember you.
Thanks for your friendship at LHS.

Luis Raul (Chory) Madrigal - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ May the Lord be with ur family and friends you will be miss and never forgotten.....

Scott Garner - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Christian had the biggest, sweetest heart...never had a negative thing to say about anyone. He was so much fun to be around and accomplished so much in his time here. Words can't express how sad we all feel to have lost him. Jim, Brenda, Brent & family my heart goes out to you. Grace & Love, Lisa

Lisa (Anderson) Johnson - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ May 10, 2010

Though I am devastated beyond words, I want everyone here to know how much it means to me for you to share your loving thoughts and memories of my son Christian. From the moment of his birth I knew he was a very special child who would grow to be an extraordinary man who would positively touch the lives of others. Many of you posting here I've known since you were children. I was your Cub Scout Den Mother, I cheered you on at the football games, Jim and I were friends with your parents; in many ways I feel like a second mother to you all. Christian had so many friends I never had the pleasure to meet, but know you must be truly special people to be Christian's friend. Christian lived his life as God teaches, to love one another and put the needs of others before his own. He had a heart of gold, just like his brother Jacob. God blessed me and his father with three wonderful sons and I am both humbled and honored to be their mother. I want to extend my special love to Jacob Gierke II, Jackson Jones, Jacob Bland, Brian Bryant, Denton Mitchem, Russ Nuss, Scott Huff, Chad Ford, Josh Neunuebel, Ryan Neunuebel and Luke Crawford, all wonderful young men with whom Christian shared a special bond. Also, my everlasting love to Kim and Marty, who are special young women whose friendship I will always cherish. May God give us all the strength to move forward and live our lives in love and kindness, as Christian would have wanted us to do.

Brenda Gierke - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ *Christian, you will always be alive in my heart.*

William Bland - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Brenda, Jim, and Brent,*

So sorry we could not be in attendance. We wish you our sincerest condolences and may God wrap his arms around you and comfort you as only He can. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. I read the eulogy that Brent wrote and thought it was fabulous. It really captured the relationship between two brothers and highlighted how in life simple things can be so important and meaningful.

Dale and Na

Dale & Renee Parsons - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dear Brenda,*

When I read the name in the paper I thought it might be your son. I'm very sorry for your loss. I cannot even begin to imagine how hard this is for you. I pray the Lord will comfort you.

Sincerely,

Diane Kimbro

(worked at Bank of O'Fallon with you)

Diane Kimbro - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *There are no words to express the grief I feel from losing you. I am so sorry that I didn't have more time with you but I thank God for the times we did have. Rest in peace my beautiful young nephew with your brother Jacob. I will never forget either of you. Your loving Aunt Carol.*

Carol & Mackie Love - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Jim,

I can't tell you how sorry I am about the loss of your son Christian. I know you and Brenda are devastated.

I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Janie and Jack Haley

Janie Haley - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

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Paul & Missy Borrowman - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Hey, who watched the match Chelsea - Barcelona? what do you think?

acheter le vitra

levitra - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ What Guardiola? flew out of the Champions League, Spanish Cup for Real Madrid too. Something needs to be changed? What do you think?

flomax

flomax - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM