



## Ethan Drew Gilbert

January 31, 1991 - June 7, 2025

Ethan Drew Gilbert, 34, passed away on June 7, 2025 in Tullahoma, Tennessee. Born on January 31, 1991, in Norman, Oklahoma, to Shannon and Mollie (Perry) Gilbert, Ethan lived a vibrant and adventurous life filled with laughter, love, and purpose.

Ethan's younger years were spent at Whitebead Schools and then he graduated from Pauls Valley High School in 2010, where he proudly earned the All-State title in football while also lettering in track. In his younger years he was a proud member of the “Grass Cutters”, a little league football team that made it to the Arbuckle Bowl — a young memory he always cherished. Throughout his life, Ethan was known as a “goofball extraordinaire,” bringing joy and laughter to everyone around him. He often joked that his real job was making people laugh — and he took that calling seriously. Friends and family will forever remember his humor, positivity, and unique ability to brighten any room.

Professionally, Ethan worked primarily in the oilfield industry, with a focus on construction and wireline work. More recently, he was excited to start a new chapter working with his older brother Christopher as a Heavy Equipment Operator for his business in Tennessee — a fresh start he approached with characteristic optimism and determination.

Ethan had many passions, including woodworking, horticulture, hiking, traveling, fitness, and tattoos. His creativity and curiosity showed in everything he did, from building projects to spontaneous adventures. He deeply valued

family and the relationships with his closest friends. His family often spoke fondly of the delicious ribs he cooked — a meal that often came second to his favorite, his mother's Mexican casserole.

Above all, Ethan lived by a simple but powerful motto: "Stay positive and good things will always come your way — but that doesn't mean it won't be a struggle sometimes." It was a reminder he shared freely, often when others needed it most.

Ethan is survived by his daughter, Ava Gilbert; Parents, Shannon and Mollie Gilbert; Brother, Christopher Gilbert and wife Sage; Sisters, MeLeah Gilbert, Hilliary Gilbert and Reid Colley; his dear friend Sarah Shattuck; Nephews, Corbin Andrew Shane Gilbert and wife Ashley, Drake Alexander Gilbert, Kingston Carmine Thrash; Neices, TayLynn Nakyl Thrash, Palmer Grace Gilbert, Ivy Gilbert; extended family; countless friends; and all those whose lives he touched with his humor, warmth, and strength of spirit.

Ethan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leo and Louise Perry and W.A. "Dub" and Waunice Gilbert.

Services for Ethan are Thursday, June 19th at 2:00 PM at Wooster Funeral Home Chapel in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma with Pastor Richard Newton officiating. If you would like to send the family condolences, you may do so at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

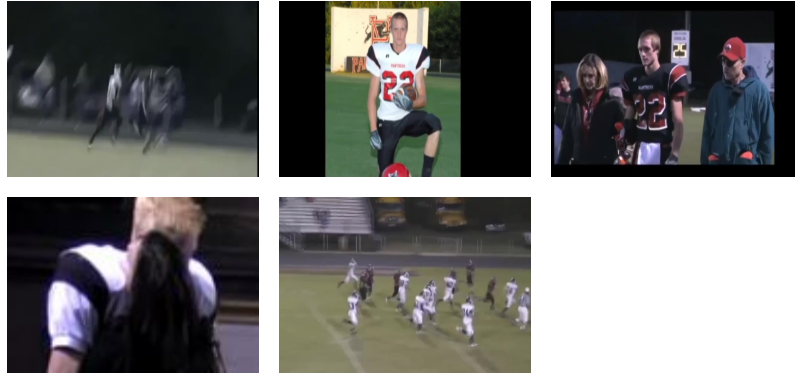
JUN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home Chapel  
1601 S. Chickasaw  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Tribute Wall



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Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 18, 2025 at 07:16 PM

FB

“ *I have so many good memories of Ethan when he lived next door to me on Terrace Drive. He was always polite and kind. I loved when he wrote his name in the newly laid cement in front of the house. I've thought of him with joy many times over the years. Shannon, this is a great loss. His life is full of goodness to reflect on when you can.*

Fran Butler - June 18, 2025 at 01:35 PM

CA

“ *To know Ethan was to love him. Although I hadn't heard from him in many years, I will always consider him to be a brother. We grew up together on Terrace Drive. We spent many days riding bikes, jumping on the trampoline, and exploring together. I'll never forget his laugh. My prayers are with the Gilbert family during this heartbreaking time.*

Candace (Hamilton) Ayers - June 16, 2025 at 01:14 PM

DE

“ It was an honor to meet you and know you, you were one of a kind, you will be missed, but NEVER forgotten, I feel blessed that we crossed paths with your humor and kind soul like no other, I am also blessed that the last time we was around each other that we hugged and told we loved each other, , Fly high and Heaven the entertainment that we will miss from you, lil brother💙💙

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**Derrick** - June 14, 2025 at 01:47 AM

JD

“ For years, I had the privilege of working alongside Drew every single day. He wasn't just a coworker - he became one of my closest friends. We shared long days, hard work, and a lot of laughs. Even after we stopped working together, we always kept in touch. That bond never faded. He was someone I deeply cared about like a brother. It's hard to put into words how much I'll miss him, but I'll always be thankful for the time we had and the friendship we shared. He made a lasting mark on my life.



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**Joe Deaton** - June 14, 2025 at 12:13 AM

LR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ethan's family and friends. He was a part of our Terrace Dr. family. All the memories of our kids back and forth. Beautiful memories! He always had a smile and remembering now still brings a smile to my heart! He is our chosen family. He is your Angel know. ❤️❤️❤️

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**Linda Rodriguez** - June 13, 2025 at 06:44 PM

AB

“ Oh Drew I have so many memories but the one that stands out the most is the night of your last high school football game. I stood there and watched and waited as you stood on the field not wanting to leave and then watched you take your cleats off and leave them there. It was heartbreaking but not near as bad as this. You were in our lives on a daily basis for a long time and even though we lost touch with one another over the years any time we ran into each other around PV I had to get a hug and catch up on what was going on in your life. You hold a special place in my heart and always will. Rest easy.

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**Angie Blood** - June 11, 2025 at 03:58 PM

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Thank you for this 💜💔💜💔

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**MeLeah Gilbert** - June 14, 2025 at 02:02 PM