



## Arthur Leroy Kilgore

May 13, 1972 - September 2, 2024

Arthur Leroy Kilgore, age 52 of White House passed away Monday, September 2, 2024 at Hendersonville Medical Center. He was born May 13, 1972 in Levittown, PA to Charles Franklin & Yung Ja Kwon Kilgore. He worked as a mechanic for Furniture Row Racing. He enjoyed car racing, NASCAR and Indy Car racing. His favorite driver was Kurt Busch. He was an animal lover, especially dogs, and he enjoyed listening to Hawaiian music and visiting Hawaii. He is preceded in death by his mother, Yung Ja Kwon Kilgore. He is survive by his loving wife of 25 years, Tracylee Kilgore; father, Charles Kilgore, both of White House, TN; sisters, Christine Robinson, Nashville, TN, Jeannette (Richard) Chioccio, White House, TN and Kelly Kilgore, Seymour, TN; several nieces and nephews. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 2pm at Grace Church 1604 Long Hollow Pike Gallatin, TN 37066

Visitation is planned for Saturday, September 28, 2024 12pm-2pm at the church. In lieu of flowers family requests memorial contributions be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Church  
1604 Long Hollow Pike  
Gallatin, TN 37066

## Memorial Service

SEP **28.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

HF

“ *Holly and Kim’s Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arthur Leroy Kilgore.*



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**Holly and Kim’s Families** - September 25, 2024 at 01:21 PM

HF

“ *Holly and Kim’s Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Leroy Kilgore.*

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**Holly and Kim’s Families** - September 25, 2024 at 01:21 PM

BB

“ *Barry Blundy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Arthur Leroy Kilgore.*



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**Barry Blundy** - September 24, 2024 at 09:58 AM

CW

“ *Craig W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Leroy Kilgore.*

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**Craig W.** - September 16, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JE

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



jeannette - September 14, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JE

Artdogman❤️ he loved his dogs❤️

jeannette - September 14, 2024 at 09:24 AM

JE

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jeannette - September 13, 2024 at 09:26 PM

JE

Art's love for cars started very young❤️

Jeannette - September 13, 2024 at 09:27 PM

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**Jeannette** - September 13, 2024 at 09:24 PM

PB

“ Peter, Marina and the Boys purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Arthur Leroy Kilgore.



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**Peter, Marina and the Boys** - September 11, 2024 at 06:00 PM

PB

“ Peter, Marina and the Boys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur Leroy Kilgore.

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**Peter, Marina and the Boys** - September 11, 2024 at 06:00 PM

EC

“ I worked with Art at Furniture row during its peak, he was always someone I enjoyed sitting and talking with him, and he was always kind to me. Rest easy my friend.

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**Eric Cragun** - September 08, 2024 at 01:50 PM

FS

“ From RAY and SANDIE purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Arthur Leroy Kilgore.



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**From RAY and SANDIE** - September 07, 2024 at 04:40 PM

RM

“ Rachel Martinez-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Arthur Leroy Kilgore



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**Rachel Martinez-Coleman** - September 04, 2024 at 07:58 PM

RM

“May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of your loss. Wishing you peace and strength during this difficult time.” My Dear friend Tlee, your SWA Co-Hearts are here for you always. Loved, all the shared memories, will always be treasured.

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**Rachel Martinez-Coleman** - September 04, 2024 at 08:12 PM

MG

“ I will never forget meeting Art as I walked down pit lane at the Detroit Grand Prix. I aspired to be a race photographer and he was just starting out at Team Players.

We struck up a conversation and I joined him in the process of polishing rims for race car tires. Thus was born a lifelong friendship.

I will never forget Art and his wonderful wife TracyLee. We are bonded together with our love of racing , dogs and all things Hawaii.

Never forgotten.

Maria G

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**Maria Grady** - September 04, 2024 at 03:22 PM

KH

*I actually met Art on a plane at 30000 feet from Indianapolis to Denver Colorado in 2004. We were going to RuSport ChampCar team for an interview. I had seen Art in the Indy car paddock on many occasions, but didn't officially meet him until that particular day. I always thought he may have been a tough guy from afar but once we started talking to Art about the places, and races we've been to and the people we've worked with in common, I remember thinking- I really like this guy! He was a kind, sweet, and gentle man.*

*Art and I both took positions on the team after our interviews and our friendship was born. We worked and fought hard together for four years at the ChampCar races. He was on the #10 and I on the #9 car. We didn't really work hand in hand until the 08' season together on the #9 car, the last year of ChampCar and RuSport era. The team disbanded and I ended up landing a job at Furniture Row Racing. Art knew of my new position with the NASCAR team and when he took interest in working for FRR I pushed hard to get him on board. His accomplishments and work ethic got himself the job there, I just wanted to back him because I knew he would be a huge asset for FRR. When I saw him walk in the door for an interview, I was ecstatic! Needless to say he nailed the interview and we were reunited once again!*

*We worked even closer together than at RuSport. We got each other, we understood one another. I totally got his sarcasm and we fed off each other's sense of humor.*

*Art made coming to work fun again. We had our "one liner inside jokes" even after I had moved on from FRR. Also he had raised the bar at the facility and the little team from Colorado went on to win a NASCAR Championship! He played a pivotal role no doubt!*

*Art has always been a leader, a fighter and a champion as long as I've known him. He has always done things the right way, and by the book. Proper. I learned a lot from Art and admired him. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace my brother. Kevin H.*

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**kevin hanrahan** - September 04, 2024 at 06:27 PM

RM

*I'm a Retired LAPD motor cop. I also met Art working for Rusport. 2004 in Colorado. Art and I bonded as friends ever since, and my wife Sandie and Art's Tracy Lee as well to this day. Kevin Hanrahan said it well in his memoirs of Art. I would like to add something little know about Art, he always wanted to be a COP. He told me that many times. My call sign was MX5.... I assigned ART MX7 as his call. We would stay assigned thru this day as not just friends, but partners constantly thru visits, vacations. Calls, right up to his last call in from Rocky Mountain National Park 3 weeks ago. We talked about Portland and Milwaukee Races and he was looking forward. I never thought I would have to write about my partner ART going EOW before me. I'm 85. We all lost a good man. May he rest in Peace.*

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**Ray McCarty** - September 07, 2024 at 05:55 PM

RT

*I met Art while working at Boom Supersonic in Denver. He was the easiest person to talk to and to bond with. I've been in Aviation for 45+ years and I've never met a man like Art that could machine anything the way he did. He was highly intelligent in everything he did. Really gonna miss our conversations on the phone. God is blessing this man because of his giving to everyone that he came across. Love you Art.*

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**Ron Thompson** - September 09, 2024 at 11:16 AM