



## Richard "Richie" Gillett

November 17, 1938 - October 14, 2021

Richard "Richie" Gillett, 82, of New Britain, widower of Claudette "Smiley" (Pelletier) Gillett who died last November, passed away Thursday (October 14) at his home. A lifelong New Britain resident, son of the late, Burton and Edna (Palmer) Gillett, he was a tool maker at several local manufacturing companies. Richie was an avid car racing fan. He was a longtime season ticket holder at Lebanon Valley Speedway in New York.

While he leaves no immediate family members, he is survived by his wife Claudette's family, the entire Pelletier family.

Funeral services for Richie are private. He will be buried in Center Cemetery, Newington with his wife Claudette and his parents. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bristol Hospital Cancer Care Center, 41 Brewster Rd. Bristol, CT 06010. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Center Cemetery**

Newington, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ To my little friend..my 2021 summer was filled with fun at the races..I knew I could never fill that empty hole in your heart that was placed in there when Smiley left that awful day!!! But you know I tried...I can't say how thankful I really am for the family allowing a final good bye..nothing like closure!!! I will try to remember those supplements with my oatmeal in the morning and NEVER turn down a good race.So happy you are with your better half..

Nancy Hubbell - October 20, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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“ I spoke with you on Monday & Sunday we were to meet. I still am trying to understand why God took you home, thought you were doing well. I know how much you missed smiley & maybe that is the reason why. The longest period you two had been apart, i can only image what it did to your heart. We will miss you Dearly at the track, your seats will be honored by someone new, but our hearts are aching for the loss of you.

RIP Rich, now with your beloved smiley again forever.

With Love,  
Joanne

Joanne - October 17, 2021 at 01:48 PM

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Both Smiley and Richie has left fond memories of times they have spent with us to treasure and now have reunited to continue their lives up above. May the two of them rest in peace.  
Our deepest sympathy for your loss. With regards, The Exias Family.

The Exias Family - October 17, 2021 at 08:10 PM