



Gertrude Gilroy

March 21, 1929 - April 16, 2018

Gertrude June (Brown) Gilroy, age 89, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and more recently, Freighter View Assisted Living, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2018, with her brother Charlie and sister-in-law Cathy beside her.

Gert was born and raised on Brown's dairy farm. She graduated from Sault High in 1947. In June 1948, she married the love of her life, Earl Gilroy at St. James Episcopal Church. They had 62 wonderful years together. They had no children but were godparents to their best friends, Cal and Jen Morrison's children: Kim, Kris, Kelly, and Kirk Morrison. They loved them as their own.

Gert's career spanned 36 years as a secretary for manufacturing industries in the Detroit area. She retired in 1992. She was very active at St John's Episcopal Church in Westland. She loved to bowl, do ceramics, garden, and most of all, spend time with loved ones. Gert moved back to the Soo in 2012 after losing her husband in 2010. Anyone who met her loved her.

The family would like to thank from the bottom of our hearts, Dr. Tim O'Connor, Freighter View Assisted Living, and Hospice of the EUP, for their kind and caring attention. Special thanks goes out to Sandra, Chris, Rhonda, Dan, Roxanne, Sue, Elsie, Ann, Casey, Lori, Pam, Tanja, Wanita, Michelle, Kim, Izzy, Rachael, Debbie, Suzanne, Staff in the Kitchen, Donna, and all who came to visit with her.

Gert's family includes brother: Russell Brown (Deceased); sister-in-law: Jean Byers of Grand Ledge, MI, and niece: Linda Brown Heffron of Eagle, MI, a nephew: Doug Brown of Grand Ledge, MI, and two great-nieces: Lauren Brown Snyder of Lansing MI and Lindsay Brown Smith of Grand Rapids, MI.

Another brother: Charlie (Cathy) Brown of Rudyard, MI, nephew: Tony Brown of Toronto, Ontario, Niece: Aimee (Mike Freeman) Brown of West Bloomfield, MI, great-nephew: Charlie Freeman of West Bloomfield, MI; and two great-nieces: Madeline Freeman and Elizabeth Freeman both of West Bloomfield, MI,

Additional nieces: Anita Johnson of Canton, MI, Valerie Jarrett of Canton, Gerri Belisle of Westland, MI, and Connie Strunk of Jackson, MI; and nephews: Leroy Gilroy of McPherson, KS, Darwin Aho of Wasilla, AK, and Larry Walker of Indiana.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Gert's name to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

WM

“Gert, we will miss you, but believe you are at peace with the Lord. Enjoyed talking to you as you walked around West Pier complex, as we scooted around.

Wayne and Mary Frances Morden - April 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DA

“Gert was a very loving aunt. I remember the farm they lived on in Dafter and both her and Earl were active members of our family when growing up in the Detroit area. Always looked forward to having them over or going to their place for family get togethers. Gert has been a part of my life since I was born in 1947. She will be missed greatly.

Darwin Aho - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WF

“The death of a loved one is the most devastating experiences a family can face. At times, the loss may seem unbearable. Please know that there are those who care about you and your family during this difficult time and more importantly Psalm 34:18 tells us that "God is near to those that are broken at heart. Jehovah is the God of all comfort. My prayers are with you and your family.

Williams Family - April 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CK

“You are in our thoughts and prayers

Chuck and Janet King - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Gertie, was my husband Earl's Aunt, she was absolutely delightful, she made me comfortable when I was the new member of the very large Gilroy family. She always looked out for the little guy, so you did not get lost.*

Sally Strickling - April 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My sympathies for your loss. I loved talking to Gertrude at family picnics. She was so funny and always had great stories. She was a kind soul.*

Diane Dobbelaire Chulski - April 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Prayers are being sent. May the Lord hold you and guide you through this hard time.*

Stacy Morrison - April 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM