



Katherine Marie Gill

July 4, 1944 - May 26, 2019

Katherine Marie Gill, Kathy, age 74, of Cedarville, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on May 26th, 2019 while attending a family member's wedding in Virginia. She was born into a loving family on July 4th, 1944 to Albert Enoch and Marie Helen (Sibley) Slee in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Kathy was the youngest of three children.

Kathy grew up in Grand Ledge and graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1963. Following her grandmother's footsteps and her love for style, she attended Murphy School of Cosmetology in Lansing, graduating in 1963. Her professional career started in Carmen Neair's beauty salon in Lower Michigan. A skiing trip to Cedarville changed her path; she met the love of her life, James R. Gill.

Kathy and Jim married August 21st, 1971 at Grand Ledge Methodist Church. They built a life together in Cedarville, MI and had two beautiful children, Rick and Tammy. Professionally she continued her career at Country Curl beauty salon, where she then took ownership, placing her style in the business. Her personal life was also very rich, juggling motherhood with her love for wood carving, painting, knitting, gardening, boating and air-sledding.

In the year 2000, Kathy and Jim made the decision to retire. This gave them the opportunity to have all the time in the world to enjoy many fun and exciting

activities they loved. Air-sledding was a regular in the winter, gliding on ice through the Les Cheneaux Islands as far reaching as Ontario, Canada. She belonged to the Les Cheneaux Air Sled Club.

In the summer, boating was their other passion. Boat trips were a routine. They cruised up and down the lakes, from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron and in between. They also enjoyed the Caribbean. First traveling there with friends, exploring many islands. Later visiting Puerto Rico, where they found a second home base, together with their son Rick and his wife, and their two children. In Puerto Rico, Kathy and Jim spent their winters, enjoying the hot sun, the warm sea and beachcombing for sea-glass and shells.

Kathy was a fun person, enjoyed dressing-up for Pirate Day, but also loved the quiet walks and spending time with her friends at Lady's Lunch. She also belonged to VFW Women's Auxiliary.

Kathy is survived by her husband, James Gill; son, Rick (Valeria Ciccone) Gill of Naguabo, Puerto Rico; daughter, Tammy (Hobie) Kirsch of Topinabee, Michigan; granddaughters, Joelyanis and Joelys; sister Sue (Stanley) Kimmel of Bellaire, Michigan.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents Marie and Albert Slee; and brother, Jerry Slee.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday, June 7th, 2019 from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan. Memorial Service will follow at 11:30 A.M.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Chippewa Animal Shelter or Mackinac Animal Shelter

Previous Events

Gathering Time

JUN 7. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
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Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine Marie Gill*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Katherine Marie Gill*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Katherine Marie Gill*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Katherine's passing. I (Karen) don't know if we ever met, but Floyd knew Jim. When I read the obituary, I was surprised to see they were married on the EXACT day we were, and have celebrated 47 years together. When we have our 48th in August, we should be thinking of you. God bless and comfort you at this sad time and carry you through. Nothing can replace all those years of precious memories.*

Floyd and Karen Lamoreaux - June 15, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Katherine Marie Gill.*



June 06, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Katherine Marie Gill.*



June 05, 2019 at 09:13 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Katherine Marie Gill.*



June 05, 2019 at 07:23 AM



“ *Jim, Rick and Tammy, I'm so sorry. So many wonderful memories with my parents and you and Kathy from the North Channel, to air sleighing , and pirate days. You are all in our thoughts. Love, Steve, Kari, Connor, & Jordan Torpey.*

Kari Torpey - June 04, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ *Will always remember our fun times as next door neighbors. Boating trips to the North Channel, and just hanging out watching our kids grow up. So sorry for your loss Jim. If you need us, you know where we are. We love you and your family. Bev.and Marty Vandergeest.*

Martin Vandergeest - June 03, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Katherine Marie Gill.*



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“ *Prayers are with the family and friends at this time of sorrow Rest in Peace Katherine .*

Annetta Irvine - June 02, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Kathy was my dear sweet sister-in-law and I loved her as all my family did. She was a close and loving friend, as well. My brother, Jim, had the best wife and Rick and Tammy had just the best mother. We are a close knit and loving family and our sorrow and grief are beyond words. We all loved Kathy and will always miss her.*
Gee Gill Kalasky



Gee Gill Kalasky - June 02, 2019 at 02:48 PM



Kathy was a bright shining light at the Gill residence in Ceadarville. She was the love of cousin Jim's life, the mother of two wonderful children. We'll miss her but she will live on in our memory.
Dick & Nancy Irvine

Dick Irvine - June 02, 2019 at 07:10 PM