



Lillian Gill Jennings

February 26, 1927 - January 2, 2017

Lillian Gill Jennings, age 89, previously of Cedarville and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on January 2, 2017, in Lansing, Michigan. She was born February 26, 1927, in Flint, Michigan, to George Francis and Kathryn (Irvine) Gill.

Lil grew up in Flint where she graduated from Flint Central High School. She attended Flint Community College and the University of Michigan. As a child and young adult she was very active in 4-H. She married Richard “Dick” Jennings on September 18, 1948, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Flint. Lil worked at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. while Dick was earning his Master of Divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary. They raised their family in a number of locations while Dick served in various parishes and as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. In 1970, they settled in Sault Ste. Marie where Lil ran her own interior design business for many years. She spent the last 53 summers at their cottage in Cedarville.

Lil was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Pickford, Michigan, and Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos, Michigan. She was also a charter member of Keeping the Piece Quilt Guild in Sault Ste. Marie. For many years she was active in the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce Red Coats encouraging and welcoming new businesses to the area.

Lil loved anything that had to do with fabric and design. She was an extremely generous person. She made various totes, purses, quilts, heirloom dolls, etc. that she shared with her family and friends. In her retirement she kept busy teaching and sharing her love of quilting with many people. Lil was a great mom, caregiver, friend, quilter, confidant, companion, and an involved minister's/professor's wife. She loved her grandchildren, Taylor and Michael, dearly and took great pride in them. She always looked forward to spending time with them doing various activities and projects. Her face would light up whenever she saw them.

Lil made friends easily wherever she went. More recently she made many new friends at Burcham Hills Retirement Community in East Lansing, Michigan, where she and Dick lived for the last few years. Once a friend of Lil's, always a friend!

Lil is survived by her daughters, Sue (Randy) Milligan of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Beth (Keith) Belonga of Williamston, Michigan; grandchildren, Taylor Belonga and Michael Milligan; sisters, Marion Law and Gee Kalasky; brother, Jim (Kathy) Gill; sister-in-law, Katherine Jennings; and many nieces and nephews.

Lil was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Jennings on October 7, 2016; son, David Jennings; her parents; brothers-in-law, John Hessel, Jack Kalasky, Jack Law, Harry Jennings, and David Jennings; and sister-in-law, Lee Jennings.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 13 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. and on Saturday, January 14, from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford.

Funeral Services will be held at R. Galer Funeral Home immediately following the Saturday visitation.

Interment will be in Cedar Cemetery in Clark Township, Michigan, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to High Rocks Academy, 195 Thompson Rd., Hillsboro, WV 24946.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cedar Cemetery

4 Mile Block Road
Cedarville, MI 49719

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
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Visitation

JAN **14**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Gill Jennings*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lillian Gill Jennings*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lillian Gill Jennings*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *So many fond memories come to mind when I think of Lil (and Dick). Lil was hospitable and generous with her time and talents. Many lovely evenings spent at parties, having lunch, or just chatting with Lil. She visited often when Sandra Poffenbarger and I had the store La Galerie. At Christmas time each year, I look forward to bringing out the beautiful quilted tree skirt that Lil made for me. I treasure it. A life beautifully lived with generosity and kindness. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. .*

Colleen Arbic

Colleen Arbic - January 14, 2017 at 03:32 PM

JO

“ I am Sorry for the loss of your mother, Lillian. She wax a wonderfully kind person and will be missed.
Regretfully I will not be able to attend services for her. The fllu bug got to me.

I will have Beth,Sue and family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely

Judy Old

Judy Old - January 14, 2017 at 11:51 AM



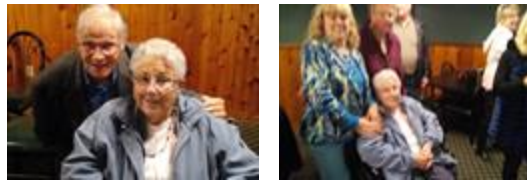
“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillian Gill Jennings.



January 12, 2017 at 12:35 PM

DI

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dick Irvine - January 10, 2017 at 05:02 PM

DI

“ Dear Cousin Lillian.

Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, “Grieve not for me”.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I’m counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don’t worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we’re together again.*

*You will be missed.
Dick and Nancy Irvine*

Dick Irvine - January 10, 2017 at 04:58 PM

MJ

“ We were so saddened to learn of Lil’s passing. We have so many happy memories of times spent with both Dick and Lil. They were truly warm and caring people. Our thoughts are with both of you and your families. Maggie and Gary Johnson

maggie johnson - January 09, 2017 at 02:45 PM

NK

“ Lil and Dick were the most generous and loving people. So sorry for your loss. Losing both parents in such a short time has to be extremely tough. Love you guys. Nancy K

Nancy Korbel - January 08, 2017 at 06:01 PM

DP

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother, Beth and Sue. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time of sorrow.

Deb Perry - January 04, 2017 at 07:59 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Lil will be so missed. We shared our love of fabric and quilting. She would always sit and share when she stopped at the shop! She generously shared her talents over the years with many new quilters. I know she was still working on quilting projects. Lil is now joined with Dick and as she would say "Rejoice! Life is good!"

Chris Baier - January 04, 2017 at 07:05 PM

 Gillian Bickham

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm Marion Law's friend and was invited by Lil for a few years to make Christmas fruit cake with them. Lil's recipe was the best. I'm also a recipient of one of the many bags Lil has sewn for people. A wonderful gifted lady. Gillian Bickham

Gillian Bickham - January 04, 2017 at 03:59 PM