



Carol Louise Frances Gillis

December 12, 1933 - August 16, 2019

Carol Louise Frances Gillis, age 85, of St. Clair entered eternal life to be with her Lord and Savior August 16, 2019. She was born December 12, 1933 in Detroit to the late Louis A. and Myrtle S. Saccoman. She and David W. Gillis III were married on June 13, 1974 in Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Gillis was a 1951 graduate of Denby High School in Detroit. She subsequently attended Macomb Community College earning a Certificate in Real Estate. Her continuing career education also included completion of the professional designations GRI and CRS as well as several advanced programs in mortgage finance and management.

Frances, as most people knew her, was employed in various aspects of real estate sales, brokerage management, and mortgage finance in Michigan and California for 23 years, retiring in 1995. In the mid-1970's she served as President of the Macomb County Board of Realtors Auxiliary.

She was an award-winning quilter who had learned the hand-stitching art well, introducing and guiding many others to the craft. As a carousel horse enthusiast since childhood, her miniature model collection numbered into the hundreds and her love of dolls provided the zeal for collecting them as well.

Frances was a life-long Lutheran and an active member of churches in Michigan and California, most recently Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Clair. She had an unwavering faith in God and devoted time each morning to prayer, reading Bible scripture, and studying Christian devotionals. Mrs. Gillis was a former member of the Gideons Auxiliary and, as a volunteer for the Blue Water Pregnancy Care Center, taught Bible-study courses for clients, guiding them to understanding the importance of spiritual commitment.

Frances was a loving wife, devoted mother, wonderful friend, and dedicated servant to the Lord. Many will remember her contagious giggle and warm-comforting hugs, which left a lasting impression with everyone she met. Frances had the ability to quickly make new friendships wherever she went and never stopped cultivating and maintaining them. She insisted on ending most of her conversations with family members and friends with "God bless you."

She is survived by her husband David W. Gillis III; five sons, David A. (Terri) Procida, Michael J. (Pam) Procida, Mark S. Procida, Lawrence R. Procida and John A. Procida;

three step-daughters, Jamie J. (Tony) Stegall, Shelley C. (Daryl) Baker, and Leslie S. Gillis; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Carol N. Ouellette, Patricia (Michael) Meldrum, and Linda J. (Andrew) Arneil. Her brother John L. Saccoman and sisters Shirley J. Burnett, MaryEllen S. Haber, and BarbaraAnn M. Shacoski predeceased her.

According to her wishes, no funeral service will be conducted, and cremation has already taken place with Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in St. Clair. Those desiring to offer an expression of sympathy for Frances may wish to consider a donation to a charity of their choice in her name. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com

Cemetery

Cremation

Comments



“ Dear David,
Our sincere sympathy to you and to your extended family on the passing into eternal life of Fran. What a gal! She always had that great smile and sincere laugh that is hard to duplicate, because it came from the heart. Fran was concerned about others as was displayed with her passion to help the needy, no matter what the reason for their problems... loving and helping them because of what the Lord had done for her! Fran will be missed by all who knew and loved her. God's blessings to you!!

Ed & Gloria Elsholz

Ed Elsholz - August 21 at 03:57 PM



“ Mrs. Gillis what an honor to know you. The care you showed the men and women of the St Clair Police department through incredible home made cookies will never be forgotten. We thank you for your concern, prayers and COOKIES. You will be missed and we know you are with your Lord and Saviour.

Chief Timothy Raker - August 19 at 08:46 AM



“ Dear Dave Our deepest sympathy is extended to you &family for your loss.Fran will be missed so very much.She neverfailed to ask about always thinking of the otherperson.May she rest in peace. Ruth & Bob Miller

Ruth Miller - August 18 at 02:21 PM



“ I always enjoyed visiting with Fran when she shopped in my store. Our world has lost another beautiful person. My condolences to Dave and the rest of the family.

Margaret Hall - August 17 at 09:51 AM



“ Frances was my neighbor for the last 6+years. Couldn't find a nicer person. She was generous and always happy. Wonderful laugh. You will be sorely missed my friend. Rest in peace, you deserve it. Georgie

Georgiana Burns - August 16 at 03:38 PM



“ Fran was one of the people in my life that I will never forget. Her genuine love of God and people was infectious and sincere. I know that I was loved by her even though we saw one another mainly at church or in passing. When she asked how I was, she really wanted to know and made the time to listen. She prayed so very often with and for me. Her marriage was such a beautiful display of what God wants for all marriages and an encouragement to me.

Fran will be missed but as I have been told, you only miss those who have made a difference in your life, and Fran certainly did that. - God bless you all.

Nancy Young - August 16 at 12:40 PM