



Arlene H. Gillis

June 25, 1931 - March 23, 2015

Arlene H. Gillis, 83, of Estero, FL, died Monday, March 23, 2015. Formerly of Crossville, TN, she had been an Estero resident since 1998. She was born June 25, 1931 in Lincoln, IA, the daughter of Claude and Rose (née Boss) Hamilton.

Arlene graduated from Mercy School of Nursing at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in 1952 in Dubuque, Iowa. Following graduation, she worked as a Neuropsychiatric Staff Nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

When her husband moved to Detroit, MI and Pittsburgh, PA, she found nursing positions at various hospitals in the vicinities. When the family moved to Indiana, PA, she found nursing opportunities with various school districts and local schools. While in Indiana, she obtained her B.S. in Education/Public School Nursing, graduating cum laude. Her last position was with the Area Agency on Aging in Youngstown, OH where she was a Case Manager Supervisor and obtained her Master's Degree in Counseling from Youngstown State University.

Arlene was a big proponent of community service, having served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross: she served on the Indiana Chapter Board of Directors, as a Coordinator of Volunteer Nurses, and assisted with

the Bloodmobile and Flood Disaster Units. In her later years, she and her husband enjoyed traveling the world and doting on their seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Gillis is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Bernard T. Gillis; her beloved children, Gregory (Patricia) Gillis of Mineral Ridge, OH, Gwendolyn (Gerard) Budnik of Scottsdale, AZ, Kathryn (Robert) Kinderman of Pittsburgh, PA, and Dr. Theresa (Alan King) Gillis of Wilmington, DE; her brother and sister, Virgil (Carrie) Hamilton of Rogers, AR, and Irma (the late William) Wolfe of Sumter, SC; and seven cherished grandchildren, Morgan, Natalie, Garrett, Eric, Aidan, Owen and Sophie.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers. Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Hope Hospice, www.hopehospice.org/donate/.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene H. Gillis*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ <https://instagram.com/p/0lyraLI6J2/>

Love you so much and missing you every day, Momma.

Natalie Kinderman - May 04, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Arlene H. Gillis.*



March 27, 2015 at 12:45 PM



“ *Dear Bernie*

We will always remember Arlene's happy presents at our neighborhood dinners. She will be sorely missed. You and your family are in our prayers. May she rest in peace until we are raised with her in Christ.

Gary and Ruthann Kroeger

Gary & Ruthann Kroeger - March 27, 2015 at 11:58 AM

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“ *Irma and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Arlene H. Gillis.*



Irma and Family - March 27, 2015 at 09:20 AM

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“ *To the Gillis family:*

It is with great sadness that we send this message to the Gillis family. We got to know Arlene, Bernie, and the rest of the Gillis family when they lived in Youngstown, OH. If we had to pick one term to describe Arlene it would be gracious lady. She was so nice and we so enjoyed her sweet elegance.

One of our memories of her shows the gentleness and kindness of Arlene. She agreed (sort of) to host a party (I think it was New Years Eve) for some friends and relatives of her son (Gregg) and daughter-in-law (Patty). Now, Arlene barely knew these friends yet she opened up her home to us and treated all of us like family.

We send all of our love and prayers to her family as they cope with the days ahead. She will be truly missed.

Sincerely, Tom and Marlene Dailey (Youngstown, OH)

Marlene Dailey - March 25, 2015 at 10:26 AM