



Jean Louise Gilkison

February 23, 1938 - April 12, 2024

Jean Louise Gilkison, 86, died at 2:59 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2024, at home with her family by her side, while under the long-term care of caregivers from Absolute Healthcare, joined in the end by BJC Hospice. She was born February 23, 1938, in DeKalb, Illinois, the daughter of George and Eva (VonOhlen) Pigott. She married Donald Gilkison on August 23, 1958, in Sycamore, Illinois.

She attended the University of Illinois and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Education. She retired in 1969 from a career in teaching Home Economics to be a stay at home mom.

She was a member of Godfrey First United Methodist Church for 52 years and served the church in many roles. She was a member of PEO (Chapter IL), Godfrey Women's Club, Pi Beta Phi Fraternity (Illinois Zeta), White Cross Auxiliary, Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's honorary, and Alton Women's Home Association.

She loved spending time with her family and friends and was a wonderful cook and seamstress. Her infectious laugh will be greatly missed.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Libby and Alex Cannon; a son David Gilkison, all of Godfrey; six grandchildren, Sophie, Isabel, Jackson and Caroline Cannon and Isaac and Emma Gilkison.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, twin brother John, brothers Russell, Richard, Kenneth, and sister Ann.

In celebration of her life, visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18 at Godfrey First United Methodist Church in Godfrey.
Services will be immediately following at 3:00 p.m. with the Rev. Don Long
and Jay Hanscom officiating.

A private graveside burial will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Sycamore,
Illinois at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Godfrey First United Methodist Church. Additional
information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **18**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Godfrey First United Methodist Church
Airport Road
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall

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“ Carl Regenhardt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Louise Gilkison.



Carl Regenhardt - April 18, 2024 at 09:42 AM

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“ Carl Regenhardt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Louise Gilkison.

Carl Regenhardt - April 18, 2024 at 09:42 AM

HE

“ Dear Lib, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I wish I could be there to give you a warm hug on Thursday, but will not be able to make the service. Please know you & your family will be on my heart & in my prayers.
Peace to you ~ Feath ❤️

heather - April 16, 2024 at 08:14 PM

SP

“ Sharon, Ellen, Sue & Patty purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jean Louise Gilkison.



Sharon, Ellen, Sue & Patty - April 16, 2024 at 04:05 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Jean Louise Gilkison.*



April 13, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Cheryl Wink planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Louise Gilkison.*

Cheryl Wink - April 13, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Jean was my favorite high school teacher & later on she volunteered at Alton Memorial Hospital, where I worked. She was always smiling & so very friendly. She was a beautiful gal that will be truly missed by many friends.*

Becky (Ireland) Chester - April 13, 2024 at 01:41 PM



I'm so sorry, the few times I met your mom she was so sweet, and kind. I remember a snow day years ago spent at your parent's big house and she made everyone hot cocoa and chocolate chip cookies. She came across as both witty and gracious with a high tolerance for our shenanigans that day!

Amy Whitener - April 13, 2024 at 06:06 PM

JB

We have many fond memories of visiting with Jean and Don, especially our trips through Utah and staying in Park City.

*Cousins from Richmond, Texas
Jack and Nancy Biggs*

JACK & NANCY BIGGS - April 15, 2024 at 11:23 AM