



REMEMBERING *Our Mom*



Mrs. Betty Lou Gilmore, age 91, of Jefferson City, Mo. passed away Monday, April 26, 2021 at Auburn Ridge Living Center in Wardsville, Mo.

Betty was born June 8, 1929 in Jamestown, Mo. the daughter of Elvin and Erma (Seitz) Hampton who were farmers.

Betty was raised on a farm in Jamestown, Mo. and graduated from a one room Bethel schoolhouse. At the age

of 17, she and her cousin June, whom she was inseparable from, came to Jefferson City in 1946 where they worked at Oberman Pants Factory, Lace Moccasin and the Tweedie Shoe Factory. They also spent many weekends dancing at Hillbilly Village and the Lomo Club.

She was married on June 26, 1962 at the First United Methodist Church (where she remained a member until her death) in Jefferson City to a very handsome Marine named Karl R. Gilmore. They began a family shortly after they were married, and Betty became an enthusiastic homemaker. This role fit her well, because she loved nurturing her family by being there with them after school, cooking supper every evening, cleaning for other families as they needed the help, and planning the cherished annual family reunion with her famous potato salad. Betty's commitment to her family included helping raise her youngest sister Wanda starting at the age of nine when their mother died unexpectedly.

Betty adored her children and loved being able to support them in their daily activities, but Betty REALLY loved her grandchildren. She was constantly buying goodies for the children and making sure that the holidays were special for each of them.

Betty loved being outdoors by working in her yard or garden,

even helping neighbors with their own yard work. No leaf was left on the ground while she was on watch. Karl and Betty looked forward to trips to Branson with their good friends, John and Connie Rainey, to watch many shows, especially The Presleys. Most importantly, Betty cherished time with her immediate and extended family and celebrated them on any occasion she could. She was the primary caregiver for her father and dedicated many hours driving to Jamestown to make sure he had everything he needed. Betty made sure all her family members' graves were shown the right attention throughout the year. She never missed a Memorial Day or a Christmas. When Betty could no longer do it herself, she passed it down to her children to ensure it was done. In the past few years, she loved to talk about celebrating her 90th birthday, and it's clear she had a lot of reasons to celebrate.

Survivors include: three children, Kevin Gilmore (wife Jonna) of Jefferson City, Mo., Darla Epple (husband Ken) of Jefferson City, Mo. and Pam Bowman (husband Chuck) of Columbia, Mo.; two sisters, Norma Imhoff of Lake Ozark, Mo. and Wanda Roark (husband Richard "Dickie") of Jefferson City, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Justin Gilmore (wife Haley), Jesse Epple, Paige Colbert (husband Danny), Kevin Cochran (wife Katia), Eric Cochran (wife Kristina), Jake Bowman and Brittany Montcalm (husband Brady); three great-grandchildren, Bennett, Charley, Broxton and was eagerly awaiting two more in the coming months. Betty was also loved by many nieces and nephews, other extended family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband of 44 years, Karl on September 11, 2006; a grandson, Cole Epple on February 15, 2021; and three siblings, Shirley Tripp, James Hampton and Wayne Hampton.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2021

Freeman Chapel

Jefferson City, Missouri

The Reverend Trevor Dancer

ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering

Greeting

Hymn.....“The Old Rugged Cross”

Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Romans 8:26-28Rev. Trevor Dancer

2 Corinthians 1:3-4Chuck Bowman

Family Remembrances:

Chuck Bowman, Kevin Gilmore, Pam Bowman

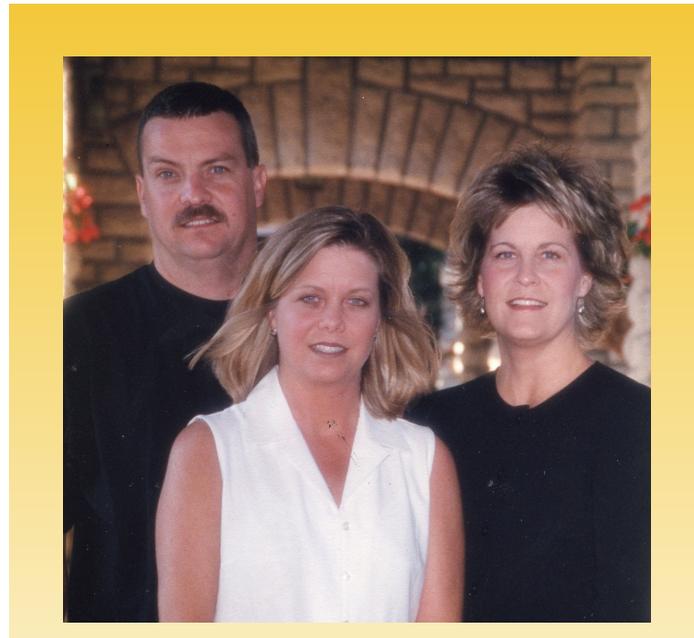
Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”

HomilyRev. Trevor Dancer

Prayer

Song.....“I Will Always Love You”

Benediction



Betty L. Gilmore

JUNE 8, 1929 - APRIL 26, 2021

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Mausoleum of Hawthorn Memorial Gardens

PALLBEARERS

Kevin Gilmore Darla Epple Pam Bowman

Jonna Gilmore Ken Epple Chuck Bowman

IN APPRECIATION

All of Betty's family want to express their sincere appreciation for the many comforting thoughts and prayers, floral tributes, food and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

Freeman
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