



Carolyn Mae Gildea

November 12, 1935 - June 6, 2023

Carolyn Mae Gildea, age 87, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO. She was born in Elmira, NY on Tuesday, November 12, 1935; daughter of Leon Charles and Emily (McMillan) Sprague. She graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1952. Carolyn married Richard Oliver Gildea on Saturday, July 17, 1954, in Elmira, NY. She was such a sweet, kind person. Carolyn enjoyed sewing, painting ceramics, and crocheting. She even used these skills in her passion for recycling by making reusable tote bags out of plastic bags and sharing them with friends and family members. She spent many years helping others as a cashier at the local grocery store, Flummerfelt. Carolyn was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Monett, MO.

Surviving are the following: one son, Kevin (Gena) Gildea of Norman, OK; three daughters, Tracy Gentry of Baltimore, MD, Cindy (Ken) Durnal of Mesa, AZ, and Cheryl (Leslie) DeMille of Orderville, UT; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Gildea; her parents, Leon Charles and Emily Sprague; and five siblings, Leon Charles Sprague, Jr., Duane Sprague, Bruce Sprague, Barbara Shook, and Darilyn Sprague.

The family will receive friends at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on

Thursday, June 8, 2023, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Services will be at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Monett, MO on Friday, June 9, 2023, beginning at 10:00 AM with President Shell Claybrook officiating. Burial will follow at Pierce City Cemetery in Pierce City, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Ronald McDonald House of the Four States (PO Box 2688 Joplin, MO). They can also be made online at www.rmhjoplin.org. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2626
lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints
Hwy 37 & Circle Dr
Monett, MO 65708

Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Mae Gildea

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ She had a sweet spirit about her, always kind and loving. I remember her at Town and Country. She will be missed.

Monique Guison-Smith - June 12, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ Always looked forward to seeing her in the grocery store, always ready with a smile!

Debbie Seufert - June 08, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ She was our neighbor forever and worked with several of our kids. They all called her grandma which she loved. We will miss her but knowing she is watching over us helps.

Lynda Velten - June 07, 2023 at 05:18 PM



She was always ready w a smile & to help, teach & be a friend. A hard worker & a true believer in Jesus Christ & following his teachings & example. Love you Carolyn.

Rosalee Brooks - June 08, 2023 at 01:36 AM



I know she is smiling down on all of us with that wonderful smile of hers. RIP Carolyn.

Jeannette Gripka - June 08, 2023 at 02:27 PM

JW

My girls always loved her "Holiday tree" she decorated for each season. She was a sweetheart. So kind to everyone she met. You taught your children well.

Janice Winden

Janice Winden - June 10, 2023 at 06:48 PM

HW

Carolyn was truly one of the most angelic people I have ever known in my life. She drove us to early morning seminary studies, and then to school, for two years straight. (I did not realize what a personal sacrifice that was until I was doing the same thing with my own and other families children!) She always had a kind word and a smile. Her home was so welcoming and inviting. Her example of gentle motherhood has influenced by life for all these years. She truly lived her religion.

Heather (Falls) Willard - August 23, 2023 at 02:18 PM