

KICKAPOO - Norma Gilles, 71, of Kickapoo passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at Proctor Hospital.

She was born on May 1, 1936, in Farmington, Ill., to Fioravanti and Margaret Girot Muzzarelli. She married Thomas Gilles on Feb. 20, 1960, in Farmington. He survives.

She is also survived by four children, Tonya (Stephen) Koch of Morton, Thomas Gilles of Peoria, Mark (Lynda) Gilles of Groveland, Ill., and Brenda (William) Raspopovich of Merrillville, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Joshua, Zachary and Jacob Raspopovich of Merrillville, Ind., Kristin, Nicole and Bryan Koch of Morton and Ashley and Chelsea Gilles of Groveland; one sister, Gloria Bridgestock of Farmington; one aunt, Margaret Muzzarelli of Peoria; and four nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one niece.

Norma was a graduate of Farmington High School, where she played the drums in the marching band. She also was a member of the choir and theatre group and was Miss Farmington. She was selected by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State.

She was a great bowler and rolled a 278. She was an avid Cubs fan and enjoyed country music.

Norma was a very loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. She loved to hunt and fish with her family.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo, where a funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, with the Rev. David Heinz officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Peoria. Additional visitation will be 30 minutes before the Mass at St. Mary's Church in Kickapoo on Saturday. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Kickapoo.

Wright & Salmon Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Foundation.