

Kathryn E. Gilles Obituary

Florida- Kathryn E. Gilles, age 92, of Melbourne FL, formerly from the Peoria area, passed away at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at William Childs Hospice House in Palm Bay, FL.

Kathryn was born on September 28, 1924 in Peoria, IL to Frank and Emma (Stevenson) Mohn. She married Walter "Bud" Gilles on May 28, 1945. Kathryn and Walter were blessed with 9 children. Surviving children are Debra Curtis (Allen) of Melbourne Beach, FL, Teresa Hulslander (Steven) of Tampa, FL, Cecilia Gilles-Sernick (Adam) of Murrells Inlet, SC, and Scott Gilles of Canton, IL. Kathryn is survived by one sister, Dorothy Bennett of St. Joseph, MI, 26 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, 3 step great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband Walter, two infant sons, Michael and Walter II, two sons, Gregory and Bradley, one daughter, Beverly and one granddaughter, Sherri Ann Gilles.

Kathryn graduated from Elmwood High School in 1942 and worked at Caterpillar early in her marriage. She was a florist in Elmwood, IL for several years. She loved flowers and was an avid crocheter, making many items for family and one of her favorite charities, The Humane Society. Her favorite thing to do was spend time with her family.

In celebration of her life, there will be a Funeral Mass 11:30 am on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at St. Mary's Church in Kickapoo, IL, with a one hour prior visitation. Father Joseph Dondanville will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Kickapoo, IL.