



Mrs. Ardis Gilbert

October 14, 1939 - June 10, 2018

Ardis Gilbert, 78, of Asheville died Sunday, June 10, 2018. A native of Ilion, New York, she was daughter of the late Erwin and Eileen Klippel. She attended Albany Medical Center School of Nursing, following High School, and became a registered nurse in NY. In 1959, she married Curtiss Gilbert, also of Ilion NY and they moved to North Adams, MA. There she graduated Magna Cum Laude in Mathematics and Summa Cum Laude in Administration, from North Adams state College.

Mrs. Gilbert taught math at Charles H McCann Tech. School in North Adams, and later at Univ. of Oak Ridge, TN, in the Training and Technology program preparing ex-convicts for various trades, and in Wichita Falls High School, TX. In Texas she was chosen to be on the committee of nine who revised math textbooks for the state. Moving to Connecticut, she taught math and computer use for the Powerline Program for youths awaiting sentencing by the courts.

She was Choir Director for St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norris, TN and for Church of the Epiphany in Southbury, CT over a 15-year period, she also managed the Upper Room Thrift Shop for Epiphany. She sang with the CT Choral Society, the CT Master Chorale, and the Asheville Choral Society, performing on concert tours of Central Europe and Turkey, Carnegie Hall, NYC, and the White House, Wash. DC.

A member of the Garden club of Newtown, CT and the Asheville Garden Club, Mrs. Gilbert headed various committees. For 10 years she was a member of the Fine Line Art Gallery, Woodbury, CT specializing in pastels and watercolors.

Mrs. Gilbert traveled in Europe and Egypt with family and friends or accompanying her husband on business trips. She enjoyed hiking, backpacking and canoe touring with her family and following retirement, she traveled widely with her husband in the US and Canada, from Newfoundland to Key West and South Texas to Alaska.

Her survivors include two sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Trinity Episcopal Church with The Rev. David Henson officiating. Interment will be held in New York.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Herkimer, NY

Previous Events

Service

JUN 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
60 Church Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Ardis Gilbert

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ I loved singing and traveling with Ardis. From our talks while carpooling to chorus practice to traveling with her to Eastern Europe and Turkey. She always made me feel welcomed, adventurous and safe while traveling abroad or in NYC for the Carnegie Hall performances. To me she embodied "living life to its fullest". I will miss her greatly, she was such a tremendous inspiration to me. My deepest sympathy to you Curt and your entire family.

NOTE: I have uploaded four pictures of some of my shared memories with Ardis. (2) from Turkey, (1) of our 1st Carnegie Hall performance and (1) of the "lucky 25" selected to sing at the White House.



Debbie Benham - June 15, 2018 at 01:09 PM

JC

“ *Judy Bolduc and Hugh & Ginnie Carey purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Ardis Gilbert.*



Judy Bolduc and Hugh & Ginnie Carey - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 PM

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Tina Heidrich - June 13, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ardis Gilbert.*



June 13, 2018 at 08:08 AM

BK

“ So many fond memories of Ardis and her family at Racquette Lake in the beautiful Adirondacks where the family camp is located. At one time, many years ago, at Burke's, it could have almost been considered Klippel/Gilbert-ville. Remember the wonderful family re-unions that were held there years ago. Lots of great memories! Of course, our very deepest condolences, and thoughts and prayers go out to her family and many friends. She will be missed by many, I'm sure! Don't ever forget to say " I love you " whenever the opportunity exists.



Bob and Dorie Klippel, Ilion, N.Y.

Bob and Dolores Klippel - June 12, 2018 at 03:48 PM

CR

“ I will miss seeing Ardis at the family reunions in NYS. She was very down to earth, and I enjoyed talking to her and found her travels to be fascinating. It is obvious she touched many lives, using her many talents to help others.

Cathi Rapisarda - June 12, 2018 at 09:46 AM

DG

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Dan Gilbert - June 12, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ *Ina lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ardis Gilbert*



Ina - June 12, 2018 at 06:47 AM



Thank you, Ina.

Darren - June 16, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ardis Gilbert.*



June 12, 2018 at 05:33 AM



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Darren Gilbert - June 11, 2018 at 08:21 PM

AN

“*Dan, I know that this is a difficult time. (That's putting it mildly.) I always felt comfortable with your mother. She was always charming, encouraging, and understanding.*



Having Ardis as part of our extended family was wonderful. I will always remember the times we spent together after the holidays. The singing, food and fellowship made me miss my own mother a little less during that time of year.

Thank you for sharing your mother with us. Remember, we are here if you need us.

*Love,
Allela & RD Reese*

Allela Nelson-Reese - June 11, 2018 at 06:16 PM