



Harriet E. "Mamie" Gillen

May 8, 1948 - March 9, 2025

Harriet E. "Mamie" Gillen, 76, of Palmyra passed away Sunday, March 9, 2025 at her residence. She was the wife of Gary J. Gillen to whom she was married 35 years.

Born in Lebanon, she was a daughter of the late Charles W. and Mary Grace (Shepherd) Eckenroth. Harriet was a 1966 graduate of ELCO High School and worked for a total of 42 years as an LPN for the Good Samaritan Hospital, Cedar Haven, later retiring from the Renova Center. She attended LCBC in Harrisburg and was a member of Busy Bee's at Lawn E.C. Church. Harriet enjoyed sewing, knitting and quilting. She liked to cook, take care of her kitten and spend time with her family. She and Gary were both avid Phillies fans, which they enjoyed together.

In addition to her husband Gary, she is survived by two sons Thomas Oliver and fiancée Lori Szymanik and Mark Oliver and wife Kaitlin; one step-daughter Ashley N. Gillen Binder and husband Matt; five grandchildren Asher Oliver, Eliza Binder, Nolan Winnie Binder, Aniela Mae Oliver, and Mark Valentine Oliver; six sisters Lucy Anna, wife of Ivan Hanson, Grace Gichner, Paula Eckenroth, Trudy, wife of Frank Gass, Patricia Eckenroth, Marian, wife of John Breive; one brother Richard Eckenroth and wife Susan; sister in law Jennie wife of John Eckenroth. She was preceded in death by two brothers John Eckenroth, Joseph Eckenroth, and two sisters Elizabeth "Betsy" Beretta and Charlotte Clair.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11AM from

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 618 E. Main St., Annville.

Inurnment will be held privately. A visitation with her family will be held from 9AM until the time of her service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lawn E.C. Church, c/o Busy Bee's, 5566 Elizabethtown Rd., Lawn, PA 17041.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ I graduated from high school and then LPN school with Harriet. She was always a down to earth, caring individual, had a great sense of humor. The Hall of Fame Award for female Class Clown was most fittingly given to her as laughter was always a part of her life. She was also the best with sewing and cooking. Needless to say, she will be missed. My sympathy to the family.



Carol Messner - March 19, 2025 at 12:42 PM

LN

“ Harriet and I were friends since elementary school. After we graduated our lives took different paths and we didn't see each other as often, but I always considered her one of my best friends. She was so much fun to be around. I am so saddened by her passing. She will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies to her family.

Lynnette (Ondrusek) Novak - March 17, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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“ Harriet was so much fun in our red hat group. I always looked forward to seeing her. My heart is so sad to hear of her passing.
Shirley Sternberger

Shirley Y Sternberger - March 13, 2025 at 05:12 PM

MJ

“ 2 files added to the album Harriet at LCBC



Maria Joseph - March 12, 2025 at 06:57 PM

PE

It was pleasure meeting you today, Maria. Thanks for sharing these great photos of my dear sister ❤️

Patti Eckenroth - March 22, 2025 at 11:23 PM