



Merikay Deuschle Gilmore

February 6, 1941 - February 25, 2020

Merikay Deuschle Gilmore, 79 of Kankakee, IL passed away peacefully on February 25, 2020. She was born on February 6, 1941 in Chicago, the daughter of Walter C. and Ruby L. Deuschle of Kankakee. Her parents preceded her death.

She was a graduate of Kankakee High School with the class of 1958 and a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University in 1962. Merikay belonged to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and achieving the National Society. She was a former Office/Owner of Deuschle – Gilmore Insurance Agency Inc. Merikay was very active with the Jr. Service League of Kankakee and worked as Vice President of Kankakee Community College, starting the “ALIVE” literacy program. Thru out the years she was involved with “Golly Whoppers”, which performed plays for the local grade students. She also worked for Peoples Bank Investments Stockbrokers.

Merikay enjoyed life and has had many great experiences through the years. She enjoyed sports and playing golf and tennis. She always has been a person who enjoyed talking and visiting with people, especially attending her grandchildren’s sporting events.

Surviving are her husband Bill Gilmore of Kankakee whom she married in 1962 in Kankakee, IL while both were attending Illinois Wesleyan University.

One Child; Pat Gilmore of Kankakee and Daughter-in-law, Laurie H. Gilmore.
Four Grandchildren; Ellen Gilmore (Drew) Ogrentz, Max Gilmore, Mary
Gilmore and Maurice Gilmore.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Jensen Funeral Home in Bourbonnais,
IL is handling the arrangements. A Celebration of Life will be set at a future
date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Merikay Deuschle Gilmore*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Found this nice photo today of Merikay winning a tennis tournament in 1977, along with my dad, Chuck Groginsky. My sympathies for her loss a couple years ago*



Scott Groginsky - May 20, 2022 at 02:58 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Bill, Patrick and family in your loss of Merikay. She will be missed greatly. In years passed I had the pleasure of golfing with this terrific lady and talented golfer. God bless your family.*

Mary Lou Bates - February 29, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Patricia Klinge lit a candle in memory of Merikay Deuschle Gilmore*



Patricia Klinge - February 28, 2020 at 01:28 PM



I graduated in 1958 with Merikay.....I didn't know her very well, but my stepmother, Fern Pugmire knew her also and kept me up to date on her and her health problems as they lived in the same addition off or near Hieland Road, St. Anne. I wish I would have known her better.

Patricia Klinge - February 28, 2020 at 01:31 PM

MH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Bill and the family. Merikay was a special friend to me all through our Gollivhopper Days of performances in the area schools, and in our book and social clubs. Her laugh was infectious and her dancing ability was admirable! She was a gracious and friendly hostess, and had a cheery disposition to all who knew her.*

She created great memories for me, and I was so happy to have known her, and worked with her.

Marsha Hill

Marsha Hill - February 27, 2020 at 05:14 PM

KV

“ *Merikay holds a special place in my heart. I miss her always.* 🙏

Karen Verchio - February 27, 2020 at 06:46 AM

MT

“ *Hugs and prayers are with you for God's peace and comfort. What a lovely lady she was.*

John n Mar Thomson



Mary Thomson - February 26, 2020 at 11:14 PM

RB

“ *Pat and family, I am so sorry about your mom. Praying for you. Ruth McGrath Bohlmann.*

Ruth McGrath Bohlmann - February 26, 2020 at 06:46 PM

MC

I was so sorry to hear of Merikay's passing. She was a very sweet lady. Praying for the family.

Mary Clark - March 05, 2020 at 04:18 PM