



Gladys Edell Lilja

June 3, 1939 - August 9, 2018

Gladys E. Lilja, age 79, of Amboy, died Thursday, August 9, 2018, at Dixon Healthcare. She was born June 3, 1939, in Ross Twp., MN, the daughter of Martin C. and Hattie M. (Jorgenson) Kirkeide. She graduated from Greenbush, Minnesota High School in 1957.

Prior to 1971, she worked at Midwest Rug Factory in the office and also was an insurance broker for several years.

Gladys co-owned Lilja Tiling and Excavating Service in Amboy with her husband.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy, Past Matron and 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois in Rochelle, Amboy American Legion Auxiliary, the Red Hat Society, and a Past Member of the Amboy Park Board.

Gladys married Theodore "Ted" Lilja October 26, 1957, at Pauli Lutheran Church in Greenbush, MN. He preceded her in death June 5, 2016. She was also preceded in death by her parents; 3 sisters Muriel Geroy, Hilma Hyndman, and Marlene Kropelnicki; 3 brothers Clifton, Orville, and Richard Kirkeide.

Survivors include her son Edwin (Francine) Lilja of Amboy; her daughter Lori (Tim) Sondgeroth of Dixon; 4 grandchildren Jeffrey (Lisa) Lilja, Nicole Lilja, Trevor Sondgeroth, and Brittney Sondgeroth; 2 sisters Helen Anderson of Greenbush, MN, and Ardith Dvergsten of Kansas City, MO; 1 brother Merton Kirkeide of Greenbush, MN; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 10:00 AM in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy with Pastor Barbara Otten, officiating. Burial will follow in Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 17, from 4:00 until 7:00 PM in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy and also on Saturday from 9:00 AM until time of service in the church. Memorials have been established to Amboy American Legion, and the Amboy Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Woodside Cemetery

Lee Center, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
960 US Rte 52
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *Gladys Edell Lilja*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Gladys Edell Lilja*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *We have enjoyed Gladys and Ted as our next door neighbors for 10 years. They were the best neighbors, they had to experience 3 kids plus their friends and their antics, and Ted always said they were such good kids ;) We will miss our sweet neighbors.*
Vonna and Mike Benhoff



Vonna Benhoff - August 17, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gladys Edell Lilja.*



August 16, 2018 at 11:34 AM

AS

“ *Advanced Drainage Systems purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gladys Edell Lilja.*



Advanced Drainage Systems - August 16, 2018 at 10:20 AM

LH

“ *Gladys and Ted were like an aunt and uncle to me, I will miss them very much.*Larry Hartzell



Larry Hartzell - August 14, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gladys Edell Lilja.*



August 13, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gladys Edell Lilja.*



August 13, 2018 at 01:46 PM

MT

“ *Maxine Terry lit a candle in memory of Gladys Edell Lilja*



Maxine Terry - August 12, 2018 at 10:23 AM

RM

“ *I look back to the 50's and first remember Ted on a trip back to Minnesota. And then there are the times in 1957 after Ted and Gladys got married. I was fortunate when I finally saw all the aunts and uncles at Lettie and Leroy's 50th Anniversary, and subsequently, was able to visit the Liljas in Illinois every 2-4 years. I really enjoyed my visits with Ted and Gladys and am really happy that I saw Gladys in June this year. Like all my Aunts and Uncles, she is an important part of my heritage. Good people. Great Conversations. The attached pictures are a from my archives. Thanks.*



Ron McGihon - August 11, 2018 at 10:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Edell Lilja.*



August 11, 2018 at 04:39 PM

DS

“ *Our condolences to the Lijja family.*

Joe and Diane Stewart and family

Diane stewart - August 11, 2018 at 02:30 PM