



Kathleen M. Gilchrist

July 16, 1923 - December 25, 2021

Kathleen Marie (Gohl) Gilchrist

Kathleen Gilchrist went home to her Lord and Savior on December 25, 2021, at age 98. She was born in Royal Oak in 1923 to John and Dorothy Duke. Her family, which included four brothers, lived in Birmingham and Kathleen graduated from Birmingham High School in 1942. For a brief time she worked at General Motors, then in October 1944 she joined the Naval Air Corps as a WAVE during WWII, where she served until April 1946. She returned to work at General Motors where she met her first husband, Emerald Gohl. Together Kathleen and Emerald had two children, Sandra K. and Robert E. Gohl. They lived in Waterford and were active in the Royal Oak Salvation Army Church.

Kathleen was widowed in 1983, and in 1986 she married LaMar Gilchrist, who predeceased her in 2000. In her adult years, Kathleen worked at Hudson's Department Store, a children's clothing store and Burke Lumber Co. She eventually retired from Waterford Schools where she was a teacher's aide. For many years she met for breakfast several days a week with her "Big Boy" gang. She remained a faithful soldier of the Royal Oak Salvation Army, where she especially enjoyed her Sunday School Class. She was a loving mother and devoted prayer warrior for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Kathleen was predeceased by her beloved granddaughter, Julie Marie

Rowland. She is survived by her daughter, Major Sandra (Ed) Rowland; son, Robert (Mary) Gohl; two grandsons, Michael (Amber) Rowland and Mark Gohl; two great grandchildren, Natalie and Nathan Rowland; and step-daughter, Janet McNamara.

Visitation will take place at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks E of Woodward), Royal Oak on Sunday, January 2 from 2-8 pm. Funeral Monday, in-state 10 am until time of service 11 am at Royal Oak Salvation Army, 3015 N. Main St., Royal Oak. The family requests the wearing of masks during visitation at both locations. A private interment will take place at Oakview Cemetery. Donations may be made to Royal Oak Salvation Army. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Salvation Army Royal Oak Citadel Corps
3015 N. Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Tribute Wall

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“ Kathleen and I met at the Big Boy. Sometimes we had breakfast before she went to work as a teacher's aide. After the death of my husband often on Sunday mornings she and Gil invited me to sit with them for breakfast. I found them to be good friends. Kathleen was a remarkable person- caring, decisive, strong-willed, loved her family, a patriot, and loved the Lord above all. I am so glad to have Kathleen as part of my life.

Virginia Kipper - January 02, 2022 at 10:44 AM

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“ Having been Kathleen's Sunday School teacher for over 20 years, her passing profoundly affects me. The encouragement she so frequently gave helped me strive to give of my best. It was, in fact, Kathleen's desire to be a part of the Sunday School class during the 2020 "Stay Home, Stay Safe" campaign that led me to make online recordings of the Sunday School lesson. God continues to "gather the gems for His Kingdom." And I believe He just gathered another one!

Even though it was written as an "Easter hymn," Percy Dearmer's "Let Us Rejoice, The Fight is Won" (SASB #226) has become my "go to" at times like this:

*Joy comes again! All shall be well,
Friends severed now in Heaven shall dwell
Reunited! Alleluia!
The end of all our ways is love,
Then rise with Him to things above. Alleluia!*

*Thou boundless power, Thou God on high,
How could Thy children fear to die?
Joy immortal! Alleluia!
Thy right rewards, Thy love forgives;
We know that our Redeemer lives. Alleluia!*

To those who love Kathleen, be assured that she will be remembered by many. As you continue to cope with your loss, may your memories of Kathleen sustain you, and bring you serenity at this time. On behalf of my family, I pray God's blessing upon you all.

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