



Margie Gill Hickey

December 31, 1946 - July 29, 2016

Margie Gill Hickey, 69, of Ava, passed away at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016, at her daughter's home in Carbondale, surrounded by her children. Born Dec. 31, 1946 in St. Louis, Mo., she was the eldest daughter of the late Emery Franklin and Margaret Mae (Capps) Monroe Gagnon.

She was a 1964 graduate of San Juan Capistrano Union High School in Southern California.

Over her working years, she reinvented herself many times. She loved to do crafts and was a jack of all trades. But she was most proud of her years working as a foster mom and as a caretaker for mentally and physically disabled children. She was a certified brailist, and, at the time, she was the only certified brailist in Southern Illinois.

On Oct. 5, 1965, she married her children's father, Donald Gill, Sr. of Louisville Ky., who died on July 28, 1987. She married her second husband, Larry Hickey, on July 4, 1992 in Murphysboro, Il.

In addition to her husband Larry of Ava, she is survived by three of her four children: Donald Gill, Jr. and his wife, Kelli, of Waterloo, IL, Shanna Gill Cox and her husband, Danny, of Carbondale, IL, and Ronald Gill and his wife, Lisa, of Murphysboro. Her youngest, Annie Gill, passed away at the age of 5

in 1984.

Margie is survived by two step children Kelly Wood and her husband Chuck Wood, and Deric Rice, all of Salem, IL;

her sisters, Marilyn Monroe-Scnear of Austin, TX, Marsha Mansker and her husband Lewis Mansker, of Oahu, HA, and a special friend, who was as close as a sister, Carol Jacobson and her husband Neal Jacobson of DeSoto;

as well as eleven beautiful grandchildren Aaron, Chloe, Katie, Brittney, Levi, Kristi, Tori, Malorie, Ross, Ashley Zachary; and several nieces and nephews.

Her much-loved second father, Donald "Pops" Gagnon of Sierra Vista, Az., also survives her.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Funeral Mass for Margie will be held at 12 noon Friday, August 5, 2016, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro, with Father Federico Higuera officiating and burial at St. Andrew Cemetery, where Margie will be buried next to her beloved daughter, Annie.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, and Friday until 11:45 a.m. at Pettett Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Celtic Hospice. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margie Gill Hickey*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *my dearest grandmother , you have made one of the greatest impacts on my life ever. thank you for loving me even though I wasn't your blood. in my eyes you were my blood. for the last part of your life I wasn't there and now that you're gone you dont know how much I regret that. I didnt even get a chance to tell you goodbye and now your funeral is the final. I just want you to know ever since you have passed I pray and pray to you just to talk . I'm glad you're no longer suffering and in a better place. I'm glad I was lucky enough to call you grandma xoxo, Kristi.*

Kristina Burnett - August 04, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I'm greatly saddened to see the news of Margie's passing. Though we didn't retain close contact through the years, I've always cherished her friendship. Margie will be missed by many...she's a true example of a loyal friend...always ready and willing to help. I simply can't sing her praises enough. Gone much too soon.*

Tina Barclay - August 02, 2016 at 01:37 PM

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“*Heaven has brought home another angel. This woman was a special lady. we hit it off right from the first time we met at dialysis. It would have been better to have met her under different circumstances. I am blessed that I got to meet her and bond with her. She holds a special place in my heart and I will forever keep you there. Love you and will see you again one bright morning.*

Cindy Covington - August 01, 2016 at 11:29 AM