



Mary "Frances" Gilliam

February 29, 1940 - October 17, 2021

Mary "Frances" Gilliam, age 81, of Creal Springs, formerly of DuQuoin, passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:45 p.m. at her residence.

Frances was born on February 29, 1940, in Harrisburg, Illinois, a daughter of Lemly and Anna Faye (Teague) Mercer. She married Richard L. Gilliam on January 3, 1959 in DuQuoin, and he preceded her in death on February 1, 2013.

Survivors include her son, Richard Lee (Ann) Gilliam, Jr. of Ava; daughters, Juli (Ed) Roznowski of DuQuoin, and Mary Susan (Pat) Lockhart of Creal Springs; seven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her seven cats whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lemly and Anna Faye Mercer; husband, Richard; two brothers, Robbie and Billy Hathaway..

A memorial service will be held at Crain Funeral Home–Egyptian Chapel in Energy on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with Glenn Poshard officiating. Inurnment will take place at Egyptian Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Francis Animal Hospital

of Murphysboro or the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children.

Crain Funeral Home–Egyptian Chapel in Energy has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Egyptian Chapel

Hwy 148 just north of Illinois 13, next to the Williamson County Airport

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary "Frances" Gilliam*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My wife and I, Neil & Mona Leach worked with Frances at the VA Medical Center in Marion, IL. We enjoyed working with her and her husband, Richard. Our condolences to her family. She worked hard as Public Affairs Officer to promote a positive image of our agency. Her willingness to help others will be missed.*

Neil & Mona Leach - October 21, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Kathy Cook Stanton - October 20, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *What a wonderful friend-all the way through school and in Girl Scouts, and as we went through life. We could always depend on Frances to "tell it like it was." I loved her and she will be missed. but fondly remembered with a big smile. Mary T. H.*

M. T. Haines - October 20, 2021 at 10:02 AM