



Joyce Mae (Eickert) Gay

December 31, 1969 - August 12, 2013

Our beloved Mother passed peacefully into the Lord's arms on August 12, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. A private graveside service will be held Thursday, August 15, 2013 at Spring Lake Cemetery in Savanna, Illinois. Joyce Mae Eickert was born December 29, 1934 in Chadwick, Illinois to Julius and Hazel Dora (Kahler) Eickert. She graduated in 1952 from Chadwick High School. On June 8, 1957, she married Autridge "James" Gay in Highland Park, Illinois. They divorced in 1981.

Mom was the most devoted and proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother there was. Her family came first. She never thought of herself, only her family. She had a great sense of humor and never missed the opportunity to pass on a good joke. Even at the end, she maintained that sense of humor with her nurses and CNA's.

She was the strongest woman we will ever have the privilege of knowing, and her light will shine forever in our lives for all that she gave to us and taught us. Until we meet again you will be sadly missed by your children: Jackie (Mike) Leitzen of Maquoketa, Iowa; Pattie Gay of Savanna, Illinois; Deb (Louie) Maike of Savanna; Mike (Kim) Gay of Clinton, Iowa; your grandchildren: Courtney Leitzen, Adam Leitzen, Jordan Leitzen, Amanda Robertson, Ashleigh Maike, Abby Maike, Hannah Gay, Brandon Gay, Taylor Brown, Teagan Gay, Holly Barr, Allison Barr, and Jessica Barr; and your two great-grandchildren, Nicole and Alyssa; your brothers: Lyle (Marie) Eickert of Eldorado Hills, California, Elmer Eickert of Milledgeville, Illinois, Lloyd (Diane)

Eickert of Missoula, Montana, Wayne (Diane) Eickert of Normandy Park, Washington; and your sisters: Gloria Murphy of Sweetwater, Alabama and Iva Atherton of Freeport, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cheryl Barr on August 16, 2004; her son Dennis Gay on April 14, 2013; a granddaughter, Keri; her parents; two sisters: Violet Ferris and Bernice Brown, and one brother, Kenneth Eickert.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Mae (Eickert) Gay*

January 28, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Joyce Mae (Eickert) Gay*

January 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *To all my family and friends of Joyce I am so thankful for this moment to tell you our story.*

Meeks, Zona - August 14, 2013 at 10:57 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Joyces passing, she was a wonderful person and your tribute was right on. I will always be glad to have met her and experienced her personality, sense of humor, and experience the love she felt for all of you. She will be missed, but rest assured she will keep an eye on all of you from Heaven!*

diane sweeney - August 12, 2013 at 08:09 PM

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“ Mike, Jackie, Debbie, and Pattie and families. My sincerest condolences on the passing of your mother Joyce Gay. She was a wonderful friend in the years we lived as neighbors. I have been away from Savanna for over 25 years and have not seen her but still remember her fondly. We had a lot of good times and a lot of laughs in those years and watched each other's children grow up. Remember her with love.

Fran

Frances Blount - August 12, 2013 at 04:44 PM