



Lucy "Frances" Gillen

April 17, 1930 - April 24, 2020

Lucy "Frances" Gillen, age 90, formerly of Fredonia, Kansas, passed away April 24, 2020 at Eagle Estates in Independence, Kansas.

Frances was born April 17, 1930 in Chase, Kansas to Oscar and Luria (Root) Horine. Growing up, the family moved around a lot, eventually ending up in Fredonia. As a young woman while working in the movie theater in Fredonia, she met a young man who asked her out. She turned him down at first, but he was persistent, and on December 16, 1948 she was united in marriage to Robert Gillen.

Robert and Frances raised their four daughters in Fredonia, and were married 61 years until his passing in 2010. Frances worked different jobs at several businesses throughout her life, but her career was being a homemaker and a mom. She was known by many for her China painting. She always served on the Election Board, and was a member of the China Painters, and the Democratic Women's Organization.

She is survived by her daughters:

Yvonne Young of Cary, NC

Louise (Skip) January of Smithfield, MO

Pegi (Jim) Fortner of Lincoln, NE

Michele (Gary) Reutlinger of Fredonia, KS

12 Grandchildren and numerous Great-Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Robert, and brothers Guy Horine and Jim Horine.

Cremation has been requested.

Graveside service for Frances will be Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 1:00 pm, at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Fredonia, Kansas

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, Kansas 66736

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Cemetery
Fredonia, KS 66736

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Praying for the repose of Frances. Was sorry to hear of her death. She was a delight. I visited her at Eagle Estates. I enjoyed our time together. She would share her books with me. I will miss her. I will have Father Zach offer a Mass for the repose of her soul. Our sympathy to all of you. We lost a beautiful person but not sad for her. May she rest in peace. You have our love and prayers. Teresa Strecker

Teresa Strecker - April 29, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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Thank you Teresa.

Yvonne Gillen Young - May 01, 2020 at 02:00 PM

JK

“ I am truly sorry for your loss and will keep you all in my prayers. Jean Ann (Schneider) Kariker.



Jean Ann Kariker - April 27, 2020 at 08:32 PM

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Thank you, Jean Ann. So good to hear from you. Have been wondering about you and wondering if you still live in Fall River.

Yvonne Gillen Young - May 01, 2020 at 02:04 PM

LK

“ Frances use to come to my quilt shop on Sunday afternoon. It was a delight to see her come in. Her husband would drop her off and he'd go on west to check out the road construction going on then. Frances would buy backing and batting for the baby quilts she and the ladies of her church would make. She was a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed visiting with her.

Lois Klepper - April 27, 2020 at 09:43 AM

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Thank you so much for your kind words. She loved her quilts, and so did we.

Yvonne Gillen Young - May 01, 2020 at 02:08 PM

DR

“ I knew your Momma, but not nearly as well as my mother (Maude Cook) did. She shared special memories of working beside her for a period at the Iceberg. Their friendship lasted for many years. I am sadden to hear of her passing; may God comfort you with fond memories of better times.

Diane (Cook) Rhodes - April 27, 2020 at 08:05 AM

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Thank you for your kind words, Diane. Due to my own health issues I was unable to make it back to her services, but 2 of my 3 sons flew out to Fredonia from North and South Carolina. They loved their Grandma Gillen.

Yvonne Gillen Young - May 01, 2020 at 02:18 PM

RR

“ Fond memories of the eighth and ninth street neighborhood. Sad for your loss.

Rick Regan - April 26, 2020 at 06:46 PM

CR

Use to be in Democrat Women with Frances and enjoyed her a lot. Had'nt seen here for a long time.

Charlene Riley - April 27, 2020 at 10:00 PM

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Thank you for reminding me where I get my strong Democrat leanings. She moved back from Florida after Dad passed in 2010. First she lived in Lincoln, NE, then moved to Independence, KS, where she had a heart attack last year. I spoke to her on her 90th b'day and she sounded good. My middle son spoke to her a few days before me, and he said she did not utter one word of having ill health.

Yvonne Gillen Young - May 01, 2020 at 02:37 PM



Rick Regan, today, May 1st, I remember when your Aunt Lena and Eloise delivered pretty little May baskets filled with candy and little flowers. We looked so forward to it. My 2 sons, Geoff and Travis, flew out to Mom's services. Geoff said there were about 20-25 people attending at the gravesite. It lasted about 25 min, then 48-year-old Geoff and Travis (45) took their cousins 7 in all for a drive around Fredonia. First, the South Mound, then they went walking through the backyard of Mom and Dad's old house on 7th Street. I think it once belonged to Steven Rogers. Stay in touch.

Yvonne Young - May 01, 2020 at 03:58 PM

RW

li lived @ Eagle's with Frances. I use to enjoy talk'en with her because she knew my brother, Clarence Taylor, who we lost in Dec. of 2019, Strange how our path's crossed then I fell & now in Fredonia.

Rosalie Walker - May 01, 2020 at 10:26 PM