

Kay Purdy

Gillespie | Friday, May 19 2023

Kay Ann Purdy, 81, of Gillespie, IL, died at Community Memorial Hospital, Staunton, IL on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 9:15 pm. She was born July 22, 1941, in East Chicago, IN to Henry Wagner & Irma Johannatosettel. She was married to and divorced from the father of her four children. She then married Theodore "Ted" Cummings on December 29, 1989 and he passed away in August 1998. Then she married Alfred "Chick" Purdy on June 2, 2010. He preceded her in death on December 23, 2020. Kay enjoyed eating out, dancing, and playing Scrabble. She enjoyed watching American Idol, The Bachelor and St. Louis Cardinals on TV.



Kay enjoyed trips to Branson and Walt Disney World. She loved every member of her large family and hosted a big Christmas party for them for about 35 years. It included eating, signing, playing games, taking pictures and all day entertainment by the kids. She worked as a cashier at the Diamond's Restaurant and Nickerson's Restaurant. She also traveled to several states as a survey research interviewer for the National Institute of Health and Gallup Poll and Harris Interactive and Institute of Consumer Studies for 10 years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Gillespie. She is survived by her daughters, Michelle Middleton of Benld, IL, Shari (Richard) Overturf of Eagarville, IL, Lori Keller of Mt Olive, IL, son, Randy (Lesly) Estell of Mt Olive, IL, grandchildren, Trisha, Crystal, Billy, Davy, Melisa, Selena, Jiles, Stormee, Shelby, Travis, Olivia, 16 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren, and niece, Jennifer (Rogier) Stephenson. Kay was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, grandchildren, Shane, Micheal, sister, Carol (Wagner) Rogier and one brother in infancy. Friends may call on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at First United Methodist Church of Gillespie from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Funeral services are Thursday, May 25,

2023 at 12:00 pm at First United Methodist Church of Gillespie. Burial will be at Gillespie Cemetery, Gillespie, IL. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church of Gillespie or Gillespie - Benld Area Ambulance Service. Anyone wishing to send an online condolence may do so at www.kravanyafuneral.com. Kravanya Funeral Home, Gillespie, IL is in charge of the arrangements.