



Catherine H. Gillen

November 13, 1923 - March 18, 2019

Catherine Helen Gillen, age 95 of Upper Sandusky died on Monday March 18, 2019 in Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by her family. She was born Nov. 13, 1923 in Kings Lynn, England to Harry Southwell and Ada (White) Osborne. She married George A. Gillen on Feb. 20, 1946 and he preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1997.

Surviving is a daughter Barbara Jean Smith and a son John George (Angel) Gillen, both of Upper Sandusky, five grandchildren Jeremy (Brenda) Lamb, Melissa (Michael) Breidenbach, Aaron Smith, Logan Gillen, Keegan Gillen, five great grandchildren Colton Breidenbach, Cassidy Breidenbach, Levi Lamb, Lexi Lamb, Stella Gillen. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins in England and the United States. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother John Osborne, sisters Frances Grange and Mary Milton.

Catherine graduated from King's Lynn High School for girls in 1940 and Felt and Tarrant Business School in London in 1941. She was a homemaker, worked as a bookkeeper and babysat. She also worked at USHS cafeteria for 10 years and for Dr. Lautermilch in Upper Sandusky. Catherine was an active member of Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church where she was a member of the Catholic Ladies of Columbia. She was also a member of the International Friendship Club. Catherine volunteered at St. Peter's and South

Schools as a kindergarten aide, mentor, tutor, and library aide. For hobbies she enjoyed flowers, gardening, playing cards with her friends, traveling with George and watching her great grandchildren in their activities.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday March 22, 2019 at 11:00am in Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery, Upper Sandusky. Visitation will be on Thursday March 21, 2019 from 4pm-7pm with a prayer and CLC Service at Bringman Clark Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic School or Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit www.BringmanClark.com to view the Life Tribute DVD, send a condolence or share a memory.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery*

Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bringman-Clark Funeral Home
226 E. Wyandot Avenue
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351
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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church
225 North Eighth St.
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine H. Gillen*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - March 20, 2019 at 11:03 AM

PD

“ *Barb & John,
Catherine was a good friend and she has always helped out with our kids and family through the years. Don and George were best of friends from working together at Bowen's and there were many fun and happy times remembered with your Mom and Dad.
Catherine was amazing at the Hannah House adult spelling bee fund raisers, winning them several times. Including the time the moderator chose a random word not on the list, spelling it correctly and giving the definition of the word. Catherine will definitely be missed.*

Pat Droll & family.

Pat Droll - March 22, 2019 at 12:27 PM

MP

“ *Barb, John, & Family:*

Our thoughts and prayers to all of you on the loss of Catherine.

Mike & Sheryl Pfeifer

Mike & Sheryl Pfeifer - March 22, 2019 at 09:25 AM



BB

“ *Dear Barb & Family , So very sad and sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Her picture here is just the way I remember her. Mrs. G was a nice lady and a fun lady... Thinking about you Barb.*

Bev Brown - March 21, 2019 at 10:33 PM



PM

“ *thinking of our American family at this sad time. Aunt Cath played such an important part in all our lives. She always made us welcome when we visited, taking us all over. I especially enjoyed the visits to the International Club with all her British GI Bride friends, they were such a happy united bunch. Her visits to England were always special too and she was interested in everybody and everything. She had such a razor sharp mind even in later life for which I admired her. She will be sadly missed by so many people whose lives she touched. I am sad to lose contact with her now but have many wonderful memories and of course lots of photos. A wonderful Aunt, amazing woman and absolutely unforgettable. With love PAM (MILTON) Niece*
I can only hope she is now reunited with Uncle George, at peace.

Pam Milton - March 21, 2019 at 08:00 PM

CK

“ Remembering Catherine for her welcoming smile, her caring heart and her devotion to her family and community. I know that she will be missed. Sending hugs and prayers to the family.

Connie Kelser
Longs, SC

Connie Kelser - March 21, 2019 at 03:26 PM

BG

“ Bob and Barbara Grange purchased the Sweet T enderness for the family of Catherine H. Gillen.



Bob and Barbara Grange - March 21, 2019 at 02:51 PM

GM

“ My dear lovely Aunt. Cath.
She was my late mothers sister. She was an incredible, loving, intelligent, generous woman. I am sad that she has passed but happy that she is now united with Uncle George. Her life ended as she would have wished surrounded by her loving family that meant so much to her.
I have such fond memories of her trips to UK and our visits to Ohio. I will miss our phone calls and letters
Rest in Peace A. Cath
Lots of love Gel and David

Geraldine Marling - March 21, 2019 at 02:32 PM

JR

“ Thinking of you all at this sad time. Many happy memories of when they visited us in England, lots of excursions and picnics. With love from Janet, (Catherines neice), and all the family in the UK.

Judith Rankin - March 21, 2019 at 02:20 PM

HE

“ I often think about the time we spent in the states (August 1970),it was such a big thing for us to travel all that way especially for my mum Frances going to meet her sister Catherine and family and our sister Chris.Frances had not seen her sister Catherine for several years and was so happy and excited about the trip.Catherine wanted us to see and do everything whilst we were there it was such an amazing experience and something I will never forget.We flew back to England with some of George’s giant tomatoes picked from his allotment Catherine wrapped them up and hid them in our suitcase,I’m sure we wouldn’t get away with that today. I enjoyed our chats on the phone, Catherine often spoke about her family and her grandchildren and how proud she was of them. Well Catherine a little bit of Norfolk dialect only you will understand



Well Catherine my booty! Cheerio bor monied ‘ow yer go’
Helen and familyxxx

helen - March 21, 2019 at 02:11 PM

GC

“ Gary & Debb Crawford purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine H. Gillen.



Gary & Debb Crawford - March 20, 2019 at 09:40 PM



“ 136 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes - March 20, 2019 at 09:47 AM

JS

“ *I remember Catherine helping at the St.Mary's School in Kirby...She always was helping someone. She will certainly be missed...*

Judy swartz - March 19, 2019 at 10:02 PM

JS

“ *Judy Swartz lit a candle in memory of Catherine H. Gillen*



Judy swartz - March 19, 2019 at 09:58 PM

NT

“ *Neitz Trautwein lit a candle in memory of Catherine H. Gillen*



Neitz Trautwein - March 19, 2019 at 09:52 PM

TC

“ George and Catherine befriended us almost immediately when we returned to Upper Sandusky in 1981 and were friends and comforters and story-swappers for the rest of their years. We loved them both much. Tom and Kathy Creger.

Tom and Kathy Creger - March 19, 2019 at 08:43 PM

DH

“ I had the pleasure of meeting this lovely lady many years ago. Mrs Gillen was a true lady. I know she is happy in heaven.
Donna Hensel

Donna Hensel - March 19, 2019 at 07:20 PM

IM

“ I Remember meeting My Great Aunt Catherine and Uncle George when i was about 9-10 Years old. They came over to the Uk. It is one of my Fond memories of meeting Relatives, on my Mums side, from Abroad. They were Lovely and Joyful people to meet. Aunt Catherine will be Greatly missed. xxx



Imogen - March 19, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ Lori Swinehart Rowe lit a candle in memory of Catherine H. Gillen



Lori Swinehart Rowe - March 19, 2019 at 06:26 PM

AT

“ Amanda Thiel lit a candle in memory of Catherine H. Gillen



Amanda Thiel - March 19, 2019 at 05:24 PM

TH

“ Thinking of you with deepest sympathy. Todd, Heather and Avery Heil



The Heils - March 19, 2019 at 03:29 PM

TA

“ Catherine was a very **KIND** and **CARING** WOMAN. She will be missed by many !!! She was indeed an **EARTH ANGEL**. My **DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to all the **FAMILY**. **GODSPEED**



Teresa Adkins

TERESA E ADKINS - March 19, 2019 at 02:50 PM