



Jean Gilmer

May 21, 1922 - May 2, 2017

Jean Gilmer, 94, of Syracuse, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at St. Camillus Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Sydney, Australia, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Ruby Douglas Vassie. Jean attended art college in Australia and had a lifelong passion for painting. She moved to the US in the 1940s as a war bride after meeting the love of her life and husband of 70 years, the late Robert Gilmer. Jean was a member of the Baldwinsville Art Guild, War Brides Association, and Baldwinsville Presbyterian Church.

Jean is survived by her son, Keith (Dorothy) Gilmer of Cicero; grandchildren, Kaitilin Gilmer of Cicero and Janelle Gilmer of Central Square; great-grandson, Mark Cerul; niece, Laurie (Tony) Rosato of Cortland; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Jean was predeceased by her sister, Helen Anderson; and two young children, Douglas and Pamela.

Calling hours will be Monday, May 8, 2017, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. A memorial service will immediately follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jean's name to Beaver Lake Animal Hospital, 1528 W. Genesee Road, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

To express sympathy, please visit www.ballweg-lunsford.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4612 S. Salina Street
Syracuse, NY 13205
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Service

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Jean, the war bride numbers may dwindle, but the love lives on.*

From your sisters and war babies of the War World II War Brides Association.

*Michele, Editor of the WWII War Brides Association &
Host of the American War Bride Experience at
<http://uswarbrides.com/>*

(Belgian War Baby - USS Brazil)

Michele Thomas - July 08, 2017 at 06:53 PM

LC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Jean and I were in email contact for several years. We were both members of the WWII War Brides Association. Although we never met, Jean and my mum and I sailed on the same ship from Sydney, Australia. We left Sydney on March 21, 1946 and arrived in San Francisco on April 7, 1946. My mum was also a war bride. At one time, there were 4 of us SS Lurline "sailors" in the war brides association. We all arrived in America at the same time, same ship. After my own mum died in 2012, it was comforting to be in contact with Jean and several other Aussie war brides. I do know your feeling of loss. My eyes tear up thinking of her.

Erin Craig, a war baby from Australia



Leone Erin Craig - May 18, 2017 at 03:52 PM

 Keith
Gilmer

“ One of your many lessons taught to me was to always appreciate what you have and never be disappointed with what you don't have. I am VERY thankful and appreciative to have had 56 wonderful years with you, and, as you taught, I am not disappointed because something better has now happened. You are now walking with Jesus and painting the most beautiful seascapes and beaches. You are talking with Jesus and telling all of your stories from a life that was rich and full. All those who knew you have been made better for their experience (no matter how brief). You are blessed, loved, and will always be remembered, but we won't be disappointed at your absence. We will rejoice from your presence. Bless you.

Keith Gilmer - May 09, 2017 at 11:36 AM

KC

“ My condolences to the family of Jean. Prior to knowing who Jean was I worked with her husband Bob at Sam's Club. When we moved into our house I later learned that Jean and Bob were married. We enjoyed having her as a neighbor for the past 6 years. Often I would come home from work during the summer and she would be sitting on the front porch with her pup and she would call me over and we would talk for several hours about her life. I will greatly miss those conversations. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Kaitlyn Cosme - May 08, 2017 at 11:43 AM

LA

“ Auntie Jean, I am so blessed to have had you in my life for as long as I did. I treasure every memory I had with you. Thank you for your strength and wisdom. You are in my heart forever. Laurie

Laurie - May 07, 2017 at 11:42 PM

KG

“ My Grammy was one of a kind and a beautiful person. I was fortunate enough to have her for 30 years of my life and was always very close with her. I will miss her everyday but she is in a better place and watching over us all. I love you Grammy (GeeGee) and I will miss you so. -Kaitilin Gilmer

Kaitilin Gilmer - May 07, 2017 at 08:47 AM

SF

“ Keith and Dorothy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was an amazing woman. I enjoyed visiting with her when I cared for her pets and visiting her at her home. She had a great sense of humor and we enjoyed laughing together and an occasional beverage. We shared stories and long conversations. She offered support when my husband was ill and later passed. She was always willing to listen. You were very fortunate to have her for so long. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered always. May God Bless Her and keep her in his care.
My deepest Sympathy to you and your family.
Sandy Fitzpatrick

Sandy Fitzpatrick - May 05, 2017 at 09:09 PM

KP

“ Keith,
My sincerest condolences to you and your family. You were blessed to have many years with your Mom.
Sincerely,
Kelly Palmer, Crouse Hospital

Kelly Palmer - May 05, 2017 at 08:05 AM