



Dottie L Gay

January 23, 1931 - June 12, 2018

Dottie L. Gay (nee Gibson), age 87, of Vermilion, passed away after a long and courageous battle with COPD, on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph, Lorain.

Dottie was born on January 23, 1931 in Marlinton, West Virginia to Willie and Stella (nee Meeks) Gibson. She moved to Lorain in 1947, then to Vermilion in 1971, where she lived until recently, when she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Terry, in Amherst.

She worked at McGarvey's Restaurant & Landing for 17 years and then was employed at Ford Motor Co., Lorain, for another 17 years before finally retiring. However, even after retirement, she just couldn't sit still and kept busy working at The Surgery Center of Lorain. Dottie was a charter member of AMVETS Post 22 and was also a member of the VFW Post 7576 and the American Legion Post 397, each in Vermilion. She really enjoyed staying busy and there were many things she liked to do. Dottie enjoyed working in the yard, especially in her garden, and watching and feeding the birds and squirrels. She also enjoyed fishing, playing cards, and was always ready for a good western novel. She was a long time Indians and Cavaliers fan with a fiery passion for her favorite player "Lebrons". She left us hoping he will stay in Cleveland. Of all the things Dottie enjoyed doing, nothing beat laughing and smiling with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Through it all Dottie always looked forward to enjoying a Margarita on the rocks.

She is going to be dearly missed by her children; Roger (Betty) Gay, of Port Orchard, WA, Jeffrey Gay, of Slatyfork, W. VA, Teri (Terry) Caudill, of Amherst, and Jeri (Richard Subaran) VanReenan, of Silver Springs, MD, her beloved grandchildren; Tiffany Gay, Tad Caudill (Janele), Tara Caudill (James Jones), and Naomi Saunders, and her treasured great grandchildren; Jack and Molly Caudill, Tenley Smith, and Tucker Jones. She is also survived by her siblings; Genevieve Dinkins, Mamie Napier, Penny Drewery, Kenneth Gibson, and Carolyn Shafer, as well as her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings; Goldie Sampson, Gertrude Laboe, Kemp Gibson, Steryl Gibson, Bob Gibson, and Louise VanReenan.

Dottie wanted a true celebration of her life so the family will host a private celebration in her hometown of Marlinton, at a later date. The Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral &

Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, is proudly assisting the family with arrangements.

Contributions, in her memory, may be made to the New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph, 3700 Kolbe Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053.

To send an online condolence, go to www.dovinreberjones.com.

Comments



“ Teri, and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have wonderful memories of your Mom when we were neighbors. Having her as our next door neighbor was a blessing, we couldn't have gotten any luckier. I remember fun 4th of July backyard picnics with Dottie always smiling and putting up with our mischief. She would jump up laughing saying 'Oh you kids' and chase us after we put smoke bombs under her seat, only to return to her seat and we would 'sneak up' again! She had a huge heart and was always welcoming to everyone. She was one of a kind and gave me precious memories to carry with me through life. What a great gift to leave behind from such a beautiful woman.

Mindy Wood - June 20, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Dottie was such a special lady. She always had a smile on her face. You would never know anything was wrong because she was always so happy. She was the person that introduced me to walleye bites. I still remember her standing by the counter frying them up in her Fry Daddy. Even though I lived near the lake, I never knew what walleye was until I was in high school LOL. I also learned the value of an Airstream RV through Dottie. I remember pulling up in your driveway seeing what looked like this huge silver bullet. I remember saying, what the heck is that? Is she signaling outer space?! LOL Then I realized that's the top-of-the-line RV that I would one day want in the future

Sharon Cyrek - June 17, 2018 at 10:17 AM



“ I remember one time going to West Virginia, we were at uncle Kenneth house, Dottie went into the hot tub after drinking a few beers and when she tried to get out she could hardly walk, moral of the story is don't go in the hot tub for too long after drinking. We laughed so hard about it. At the end of the evening Dottie left the mailman her bra on the mailbox, uncle Kenneth found it the next morning. Will miss the stories she told along with the fun times. I know my dad and her are drinking margaritas in heaven. Rest in peace Aunt Dottie.

kathleen willard - June 14, 2018 at 06:28 AM



“ Bonnie Caudill purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Dottie L Gay.



Bonnie Caudill - June 12, 2018 at 05:24 PM



“ Growing up in a large family we had lots of Aunts. There is always one that becomes your favorite. Aunt Dottie was mine. She was always the life of the party! She she would be the one to get a tattoo or go parasailing! She loved living life!! She loved to cook and drink an adult beverage with you! If we were coming to West Virginia and wasn't arriving until late afternoon or evening she would have a big pot of spaghetti in the stove waiting for us! If were were arriving in the morning she always had her famous sausage gravy and biscuits waiting for us to devour! Many times, we would arrive at 2 or 3 in the morning. Aunt Dottie would be sitting at the kitchen table playing cards with a pot of coffee for me. We would finish off the pot and then she would look at me and say,"now let's drink a beer!" And we would!! So as I am posting this I have a drink in my hand to toast to you Aunt Dottie! THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT MEMORIES. YOU WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BUT FORVER IN MY HEART! I LOVE YOU!

Vickie Napier - June 12, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dottie L Gay.



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