



Gilda E. Rzchowski

November 16, 1932 - January 3, 2023

Gilda E. Rzchowski (nee Eldridge) age 90, passed away Jan 3, 2023 at her home in hospice surrounded by family after a long illness. Gilda (nee Eldridge) was preceded in death by her brother Wayne (Bud) Eldridge of Cleveland, OH, her parents Irene and Rolla Eldridge of Christopher, Illinois, and her husband Frank Rzchowski. She is survived by her son Mark (Robin Craig) Rzchowski of Madison, WI, daughter Dacia Rzchowski of Blue Springs, her granddaughters Sophie Rzchowski of Santiago, Chile and Anna Rzchowski of Madison, WI, her nephews Bud (Jan) Eldridge of Medina, OH and Randall Eldridge of Ohio, and her cousins Doris (Dot) Roth of St. Louis and Sue Thomason of Carmi, IL. After graduating high school in Christopher, Gilda attended Huff Business school in Kansas City for court reporting. She moved to St. Louis where she worked as a court reporter, before purchasing and operating the court-reporting business. After marrying in 1955, she and Frank raised two children in their Crestwood home. Gilda sold her business after the birth of their second child, after which she focused on volunteer work and raising their children, encouraging them to

work hard and choose a fulfilling career. She was an active volunteer (Girl Scout leader, Day Camp Director, member of the Manor Grove Nursing Home Board of Directors of for many years). She loved movies, the theater, the opera, museums, and historic talks. She enjoyed traveling to new places both inside and outside of the United States, and visiting her children and grandchildren in Madison and Blue Springs. She was an active long-term member of Webster Groves Christian Church, serving on church committees and participating in women's bible study. Later in life, she always enjoyed the church choir performances when watching virtual services from home. Gilda was an avid gardener and picked out new flowers and trees every year for her yard. She loved sitting on the back porch with her cat, Lydia, looking out at her gardens and watching the birds enjoying her birdbath and feeders. She was blessed to have many good church friends and loyal neighbors and friends who checked in with her often, and to develop friendships with the trusted companions and caregivers that helped her with household chores, and personal and health care.

As was her wish, no services will be held. Should you wish to remember Gilda, in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the National Audubon Society (www.audubon.org) and tribute comments can be made at Chapel Hill Mortuary's website: www.stlfuneral.com/obituarie

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gilda E. Rzchowski*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *My many encounters with Gilda were always so pleasant and uplifting. She has helped me see what living a Christian life really means. I loved her dearly and am very grateful that God placed her in my life. I send condolences to the family. I am so sorry for your loss. May God hold you and comfort you in grief.*

Devoree Crist

Devoree Crist - January 06, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Gilda was a lovely, loving lady who will be remembered by many of us at Webster Groves Christian Church. As a friend and church member, I will remember her leadership, open mindedness, kindness and her willing spirit to serve in any way she could. She will be greatly missed!*

Julie

Tom Wood - January 05, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Gilda was such a big part of the Disciples Women groups at W.G.C.C. we will miss her. We just met today to make our greeting cards. Gilda always helped with that. I am blessed that she was a part of my church life. Rest in peace ,.*

Sally Smith

Sally Smith - January 05, 2023 at 04:51 PM

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“ PLEASE DO NOT SEND FLOWERS, GIFTS, OR FOOD - from the family of Gilda Rzchowki

Dacia Rzchowski - January 05, 2023 at 04:00 PM