



Erma J. Gilbert

June 10, 1925 - November 14, 2020

Erma J. Gilbert, 95, of Petersburg died on November 14, 2020 at home with her family by her side. She was born on June 10, 1925 in Lomax, IL to C. Ernie and Edith (Shanks) Smith. In March of 1946 she married Elias (Pie) Jolly who was called home early in 1951. In March of 1954 she married Lester Gilbert who passed away in 2016 after 62 years of marriage. Erma is survived by 3 children: Sonja J. Jolly (Don) Bush of Nauvoo, IL, Courtney Gilbert, and Dawn (Ken) Yocom of Petersburg. 6 grandchildren: Mitzi (Greg) Walker of FL, Jamie Bush of Nauvoo, Shane Yocom of Petersburg, Melisa (Kyle) Miller of MO, Jeremiah Gilbert of Petersburg, Rachel (Josh) Espenschied of Petersburg and 18 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Erma was preceded in death by her parents, husband Elias Jolly in 1951, husband Lester Gilbert in 2016, 2 sisters: Bea and Bonnie and grandson John Bush. After a career in the Army, Les and Erma settled in Petersburg, IL in 1971 Erma worked at the Illinois Country Opry then at Potter Drug from 1979-2016. She always loved her interaction with the community thru work and Church, but loved God and her family the most. Gone from this Earth and now presiding in Heaven forever.

A public visitation for Erma will be held on Friday, November 20, 2020 from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. A private family funeral will take place and burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. In Lieu of flowers memorial contribution may be made to Menard County Daily Bread or Donor's Choice.

Masks will be required, social distancing, and following of the CDC guidelines in place will be enforced.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com

Hurley Funeral Home in Petetsburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707
(217) 492-4070

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Erma J. Gilbert*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erma J. Gilbert.*



November 19, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ *Melissa Warren, Kole & Brandy Espenschied purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Erma J. Gilbert.*



Melissa Warren, Kole & Brandy Espenschied - November 19, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Ian & James purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Erma J. Gilbert.*



Ian & James - November 19, 2020 at 09:50 AM

PP

“ My Friend ERMA ,,
Erma was treasure to work and be with through all the years that she worked with and for me ,, !!!! I came to Petersburg in 1976 and met Erma when she worked for Tom Whalen , then when I Took over the business as Potter Drug in 1977 I became Erma’s boss In name only ,, lol
Erma was ALWAYS a great employee and everyone who worked with her thought the same...Many many of Potter’s customers loved her like we all did..
I am truly blessed to know and have her in my life,,, My kids ,Jennifer and Anthony
Loved her in a very special way as did my wife, Joan ..
So the best to her family pat potter

pat potter - November 17, 2020 at 05:07 PM

PD

“ Potter Drug purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Erma J. Gilbert.



Potter Drug - November 16, 2020 at 09:10 PM

MA

“ So very sorry. It is not goodbye it is until we meet again. You are walking the streets of gold and we will meet again. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories and holidays together. You certainly touched many lives and we are honored to have be a part of your life. Rest in peace dear friend. Love ya - Ross & Margaret Stier Santos and Albert & Ann Stier

Margaret - November 16, 2020 at 08:45 PM

JH

“ *JD & Lisa Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Erma J. Gilbert*



JD & Lisa Henshaw - November 16, 2020 at 07:16 PM