



## Geraldine Gill

February 27, 1943 - February 27, 2006

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BREITUNG TOWNSHIP - Geraldine I. Gill, 63, of Breitung Township, died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006, at her home with the love and support of her family. She struggled with lung cancer for a year, but her positive attitude and faith helped provide her with quality of life and made her an inspiration to those around her.

Geraldine was born on July 24, 1942, daughter of the late Ervin and Jeanette (Rumpf) Witt. She graduated Kingsford High School, class of 1960.

She married Gordon Gill in Appleton, Wis., in June 1984.

Geraldine lived in Appleton, and Sarasota, Fla., returning to Kingsford in 2003. Her artistic and creative talents brought her contentment and joy, and she was well-known in the area for her life-like portraits of pets for their owners.

Geraldine was a member of the American Martyrs Catholic Church and the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by her husband and dedicated caregiver, Gordon Gill of Iron Mountain; a son, Rick Richter of Oshkosh, Wis.; a stepdaughter and special caregiver, Gretchen Gill of Milwaukee; grandsons, Jesse (Jalena), and Jeromy Rueger; great-grandson, Drake of Appleton; twin brother and caregiver, Thomas (Sherry) Witt of Riverside, Calif.; sister and caregiver, Patricia Hyland of Kingsford; sister in-law, Bonnie Witt of Denver; nieces, Keri Hyland (Randy Piatti) of Kingsford, Teri (Robert) Wallace of San Bernadino, Calif., Andrea Witt and nephew Robert (Karen) Witt of Denver,; several great-nieces and

great-nephews; aunts, Anita (Zyg) Bonkowski of Iron Mountain, and Edith Rumpf of Kingsford; several cousins; special friend, Elaine (Roy) Johnson and her faithful cat, Wumpy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother in-law, James Hyland Sr., and nephew, James Hyland Jr.

The family has requested that flowers be omitted.

Memorials may be made to Dickinson County Cancer Loan Closet, 1401 1/2 S. Carpenter Ave., Iron Mountain., Michigan, 49801, or the Springlake Humane Society, W8459 Shelter Dr., Iron Mountain, Michigan, 49801

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford.

The funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pallbearers will be Eugene Peterson, Thomas Hagberg, Shane Skog, and Jeromy Rueger.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Geraldine Gill online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ *There are so many attributes I admired about Gerri. In high school, it was Gerri's joy to be a volunteer working with disabled children in our neighborhood school.*

*Caption from Gerri's high school year book picture: 'To do something, no matter how small, to make others happy, is the highest ambition, the most elevating hope, which can inspire a human person.'*



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**A. Garback** - September 12, 2021 at 12:58 PM

DD

“ Dear Gordon,

*We saw Geri's obituary in today's paper and were quite surprised to say the least! We are grateful that Geri is not suffering on this plane any longer. We are happy to hear that you were there for her during these last difficult months.*

*We are living in Appleton again, initially taking care of our parents. Our Mom died 5/02 and Dad will be 94 on Mar. 8. He's on hospice and in assisted living. And shock of all shocks I have terminal colorectal cancer (diagnosed 2 years ago). Pat is my caregiver and holding the entire show together! She's a saint right now, regardless of what we thought of her before!*

*Love to hear from you at your convenience.  
920 832 0566.*

*Laugh & Love in the Light! Diane & Pat*

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**Diane & Pat Dobberke** - March 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Tom and Geraldine's family:

*I was so sorry to hear of Geraldine's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this saddest of times. May memories of happier times be with you always and be glad in that she lived a full life with the time that she had here on earth. We could all learn valuable lessons on how she lived her life.*

*May God grant you peace at this time of sorrow and in the days ahead.*

*Always,*

*Gretchen; Class of 1960*

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**Gretchen (Lange) Moroni** - March 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dear family... wish we could be there to express our sympathies in person.....But wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this sad time....Sincerely...Lois and Bruce Ring....

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**Lois and Bruce Ring** - March 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ To Tom and the entire family of Geri.....Sending my sympathy at the passing of Geri. She does not have to suffer the pain any longer as God has wrapped His arms around her for eternity. May the thoughts and prayers of many help ease the pain for you. Former classmate at KHS....Pat (Wolsker) Michaud

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**Pat (Wolsker) Michaud** - March 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Geraldine was a first class lady. I will miss her sense of humor and strength. Love, Kevin*

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**Kevin & Julie Gill** - March 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM