



Theresa Gifford

December 5, 1936 - May 5, 2023

Theresa Gifford, age 86, of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday, May 5, 2023 at her home.

She was born December 5, 1936 in Bourbonnais, the daughter of Leo A. & Gladys Chantome Kyrouac.

Theresa married Frederick D. Gifford Sr. on June 19, 1954 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. He preceded her in death on June 20, 2020. Theresa had been employed at Maternity B.V.M. Rectory and also had worked at Arby's. She was a member of Women of the Moose. She taught crocheting at Kankakee Community College. Theresa ran the concession stand at Slater Field for 20 years on a volunteer basis. She enjoyed puzzles and feeding her animals. Theresa was known for her homemade candy, especially turtles and caramel apples that she had sold at Harvest Daze in Watseka for 43 years. Theresa was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church.

Surviving are seven sons, David & Alyssa Gifford of Bourbonnais, Fred Jr. & Robin Gifford of Bradley, Mark & Patti Gifford of Rome, NY, Donald & Denise Gifford Of Bartlett, TN, Bruce Gifford of Bourbonnais, James & Karla Gifford of Bourbonnais, and Daniel & Sherri Gifford of Clifton; two daughters, Cynthia Gifford of Bradley and Marie Ozturk of Bradley; one brother, James & Janice Kyrouac of Bradley; two sisters-in-law, Pearl Kyrouac of Terre Haute, IN and Theresa Kyrouac of Bradley; one brother-in-law, Bob & Sheila Gifford of Largo, FL; 31 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband, Theresa is preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Miranda Gifford; two sisters, Mary Louise Bertrand and Cecile Lobue; and four brothers, Arthur Kyrrouac, Richard Kyrrouac, Paul Kyrrouac, and Donald Kyrrouac.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Interment will follow at Maternity Catholic Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham
Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Sorry for your loss.
The Murphy Family*



Denise - May 11, 2023 at 04:28 AM

AG

“ *Dearest Grandma Theresa, Godspeed to your Eternal Home!* 🙏💕
🕊️💧

We will always cherish the great memories of this earthly time that we got to spend together.

You'll remain to live through us.

Our hearts go out to the Gifford and Kyrouac families during this time of sorrow.

*Love doesn't leave when we fade away,
Aleksandra & Lilian* 🌹

Aleksandra Ilic Gifford - May 09, 2023 at 09:18 AM

BG



Brandon Gifford - May 09, 2023 at 09:23 AM

FI

“ There is no distance in this world that can separate people who met with an open heart and kept sincere friendship, with the warmest thoughts and respect for each other. Dear Theresa, your departure is a moment in this life, just as this life is a moment in relation to the eternity into which you have gone. We will keep you in dearest memory, may you rest in peace.



Sincere condolences to the Gifford and Kyrouac families from the Ilić family from Serbia

Family Ilić - May 08, 2023 at 03:51 PM

AG



Aleksandra Ilic Gifford - May 09, 2023 at 08:56 AM

BG

I love you all soooo much. I am grateful that you all had the opportunity to meet Fred and Theresa. They were surely fond of you 3!!! ❤️💕😘

Brandon Gifford - May 09, 2023 at 09:22 AM

BG

“ Theresa was a pure soul. She attended church services every day of her life since a very early age. She not only raised 9 of her own children, but 3 additional children. She was a lover of animals and literally fed the squirrels, birds, racoons, opossums, and other hungry critters in her yard on a daily basis like Snow White.

She was also an avid fan of all things Disney. Her heart was bigger than any I've ever encountered. She also volunteered her time to many, many charitable events namely through Maternity BVM Church. Additionally she single-handedly prepared Sunday lunch for all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren every single Sunday for literally the last 50+ years.

I can't forget to mention she was also one of the strongest women I've been around and beat stage 3 cancer over 15 years ago and remained cancer-free until the very end. She was remarkable and amazing and only did morally great things throughout her life. If anyone has earned their "stripes" to be seated at the right hand of God, it's Mother Theresa.

Mom, although your body is being laid to rest this Thursday, you will live in our hearts and memories forever, sweet princess. Just like your favorite Disney characters, you will be eternally treasured and adored by all who were blessed to have known you. I love you Mom...please save me a seat in the kingdom of heaven because I am ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you're already there. St.Peter most definitely allowed you to pass through the line ahead of all of the others waiting! Please hug Dad for me and all of your/his brothers and sisters, Mim and Pip and Miranda as well. You were one of a kind and I'm SOOO lucky to have been taken under your angelic wings. Your legacy is rigorously etched in stone for all to remember infinitely❤️

Brandon Gifford - May 07, 2023 at 07:49 PM

NW

“ Dear Jim Karla and family
I'm so sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace

Nancy Ponikvar Waller

Nancy Ponikvar Waller - May 07, 2023 at 11:58 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear about your mother, truly great lady

mike and pat hatch - May 07, 2023 at 05:29 AM

MK

“ Sorry to hear about your mom, Jim. My condolences to your family.

Matt Kirchman - May 06, 2023 at 07:02 PM

KP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. I send my deepest sympathy.

Kathy Peterson - May 06, 2023 at 04:03 PM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss Dave, Alyssa and Cindy. I remember your mom always being present when we were in school at MBVM. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Deb (Dionne) Gunn - May 06, 2023 at 12:59 PM

LL

“ Jim, sorry to hear about your mom. I have found memories of her from our MBVM days. May she rest in peace. Your family is in my prayers.

Linda Lottinville - May 06, 2023 at 12:22 PM