



Mary Ann Gillett

June 19, 1947 - January 7, 2025

Mary Ann (Schwegel) Gillett of Bartlesville, OK, passed away on January 7, 2025, at the age of 77, due to complications from ovarian cancer. She was surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Mary was born on June 19, 1947, in Alton, Illinois, as the eighth of nine children. She attended St. Mary's Catholic Church and School and graduated from Marquette Catholic High School. In 1969, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in psychology from Western Illinois University. It was there she met her future husband, Jim Gillett. They married on March 27, 1971 in Alton, Illinois. After graduation, the couple moved to the Chicago area, where Mary was a social worker for the Cook County Department of Public Aid, and Jim began his career as a marketing representative for Phillips Petroleum.

In April 1974, their first child, Matthew James Gillett, was born, followed by their daughter, Kathryn Marie Gillett, in November 1975. In 1980, the family relocated to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where Jim continued his career with Phillips. Mary dedicated herself to being a stay-at-home mom until her children entered high school. She then worked as a teacher's aide in the Bartlesville public school system and later became the director of the first daycare facility serving the Bartlesville High School public alternative education program, enabling teens parenting young children to complete their

high school education.

Mary's passions included spending time with her children and granddaughters, keeping a lovely family home, organizing holiday traditions, and volunteering to help dogs and the elderly. She loved lake activities at her Grand Lake townhome with family and friends. She had a keen eye for decorating, spending countless hours reading design magazines and receiving many compliments on her beautifully decorated homes.

The holidays were a joyous time to gather. In Bartlesville, the Thanksgiving meal was shared with close friends and neighbors. Before her parents died, the Schwegel family would gather to welcome Santa Claus at their historic home in Alton; this annual tradition included the nine siblings and their children. In later years, when Mary hosted her own celebration, elaborate plans for the annual event began months before December 25th . Even during the final stages of her illness, she decorated the house, shopped and wrapped gifts for family and friends, baked her delicious crispy sugar cookies and made her famous homemade meatballs and sauce, a unique recipe from her grandmother.

Mary also devoted time to her community. An avid dog lover, Mary previously served on the board of the Washington County SPCA, sometimes bringing home the dogs that looked the saddest and needed the most care. Her favorite dog was Sadie. Additionally, she volunteered as a driver at Elder Care, helping older folks with their daily errands. She often remarked that these individuals reminded her of her mother and aunts.

Mary Ann Gillett's life was filled with love, compassion and dedication to her family and community. She will be deeply missed. Mary is survived by her loving husband, Jim; their two children, Matt (Sarah Jane) Gillett and Katie (Mike) Dodd; three brothers, Jim (Sue) Schwegel, John (Margaret) Schwegel

and Edward Schwegel; one sister, Barb Fallon; two granddaughters, Natalie and Sophia Gillett; and a host of other family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Peter Paul Schwegel and Louise Julia Schwegel; her three brothers, Bud, Pete and Tom Schwegel; her sister, Carolyn Dooley; and sister and brother in laws, Phyllis, Maggie, Jeanne, and Carla Schwegel and Terry Dooley.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 15th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Road in Bartlesville, followed by a Rosary service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Before the Latin Gate Catholic Church, 715 S. Johnstone Avenue in Bartlesville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Washington County SPCA, 16620 State Highway 123, Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006 (www.wcspca.org).

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Gathering

JAN **15**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Rosary

JAN **15**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Before The Latin Gate Roman Catholic Church
715 S Johnstone Ave.
Bartlesville, OK 74003

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Gillett*



Davis Family Funeral Home - January 15, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *Mary was the ultimate role model of a mom. She gave so much and always made me feel welcomed. She will always be remembered*
❤️.

Jacque Wells - January 17, 2025 at 12:06 AM



“ *Your ONEOK family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.*



Your ONEOK family - January 15, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.*



January 14, 2025 at 03:23 PM

CY

“ *Mary Ann was one of the nicest person I have ever met!! Prayers for her family!!* ”



Carrie Young - January 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM

AF

“ *Anita, Jeff, and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.* ”



Anita, Jeff, and family - January 13, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.* ”



January 13, 2025 at 12:17 PM

BB

“ *Bev & Darrell Black purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.* ”



Bev & Darrell Black - January 11, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BB

“ Bev & Darrell Black planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Gillett.

Bev & Darrell Black - January 11, 2025 at 12:44 PM

CB

“ Chad, Julie, and Brooklynn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.



Chad, Julie, and Brooklynn - January 11, 2025 at 11:23 AM

JS

“ A wonderful friend. Prayers for family.

Jere Smith - January 10, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JS

“ She was a great customer of mine for over 20 years. glad i got to hug her one last time before i moved.

JOSH SOPER - January 10, 2025 at 12:51 PM

GM

“ Garold McConnell purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.



Garold McConnell - January 09, 2025 at 11:35 PM

LC

“ Lisa Alex and Jordan Carey purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.



Lisa Alex and Jordan Carey - January 09, 2025 at 09:57 PM

TE

“ The Wellinghoffs~ Eileen,Andy,AJ,Ella purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Gillett.



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