



Josephine Bridget Gillen

October 15, 1938 - June 17, 2013

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 26. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Bridget Gillen*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Josephine Bridget Gillen*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *David Power purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Josephine Bridget Gillen.*



David Power - July 09, 2013 at 03:46 PM



“ *Dearest Aunty Jo*

I will always remember you as a beautiful, composed and elegant woman. A wonderful mother and a lovely auntie.

Much love Kim. Geoff and Elena xxxx



Kim Close - June 26, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RI

“ TO MY SO MUCH LOVED SISTER JO, HER DARLING DAUGHTERS, TZ, LOU, KATHY AND MARIA, HER GRANDCHILDREN, MATT, TRAVIS, SEAN, BOBBY AND GRANDAUGHTER KAELEY, WHOM SHE LOVED & ADORED WITH ALL HER HEART, SHE WAS SO PROUD OF YOU ALL, I KNOW YOU ALL SO WELL FROM THE DAYS YOU WERE BORN, OUR CONVERSATIONS ALWAYS INCLUDED EVERYONE OF YOU. SHE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT TZ'S HUSBAND NEILS WONDERFUL MEALS AND THAT EVERY THANKSGIVING WAS SPECIAL.



JO, MY DEAREST SISTER, YOU TOOK SUCH GOOD CARE OF ME WHEN WE WERE GROWING UP, YOU USED TO WASH MY HAIR & IN THE SUMMER WOULD TAKE ME OUTSIDE IN THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE TO BRUSH & DRY IT, I HAD TO SIT STILL UNTIL YOU SAID IT SHONE & THEN MADE RINGLETS FOR ME, YOU MADE ME FEEL SPECIAL IN EVERY WAY.

YOU PROTECTED ME AT SCHOOL, (WELL, YOU WERE THE HEAD GIRL) . YOU WERE THE HEAD OF OUR TENNIS TEAM, A BRILLIANT GYMNAST. I WAS FOREVER SO PROUD TO BE YOUR SISTER. IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WHEN MUM & DAD WERE AT WORK, YOU WOULD MAKE A PICNIC & TAKE DOLLY (OUR YOUNGEST SISTER) TO OXHEY PARK, WE WOULD SIT UNDER THE WILLOW TREES & WATCH THE SWAN'S GLIDING BY IN THE LAKE, RUN UP & DOWN THE SLOPES UNDER THE OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES NEAR BY, EVERY YEAR ON THE 1ST OF MAY (MY BIRTHDAY) YOU WOULD PICK FRESH DAISEY'S THE NIGHT BEFORE, ENTWINE THEM TOGETHER TO MAKE A DAISEY CROWN, LEAVE THEM FLOATING IN WATER AND THE MORNING OF MY BIRTHDAY YOU WOULD CROWN ME 'QUEEN

OF THE MAY' (WHICH IS A VERY OLD ENGLISH TRADITION)
YOU'R LOVE OF ALL ANIMAL'S STARTED WHEN YOU WERE
ALLOWED TO OWN YOU'R VERY OWN RABBIT, HE WAS PURE
WHITE & YOU CALLED HIM THUMPER. YOU LOVED DRAWING
AND WON PRIZES AT SCHOOL FOR THEM, YOU TRIED SO
HARD TO TEACH ME TO DRAW, BUT I WAS HOPELESS, I
COULD'NT DRAW A SQUARE BOX, YOU WERE SO TALENTED
JO. YOU GREW UP TO BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL YOUNG
LADY, YOU'RE LONG AUBURN HAIR, YOU'R TINY FRAME,
YOU'R UNFORGETTABLE SMILE, YOU WERE BEAUTIFUL IN
MIND & SPIRIT, LOVING & FORGIVING IN ALL THINGS. WHEN
YOU WERE SWEET SIXTEEN YOU MET YOU'R PRINCE
CHARMING, HE WAS A HANDSOME AMERICAN AIRMAN,
BASED HERE IN THE UK IN A NEAR BY TOWN OF RUISLIP, (A
USA AIRBASE). YOU HAD MANY ADMIRER'S, BUT OUR GILL
WON YOU, WE WERE SO HAPPY FOR YOU JO,
HE CLEARLY ADORED YOU, MUM & DAD ALONG WITH THE
REST OF OUR FAMILY
ADORED HIM.

HIS FAMILY FROM IRELAND CAME OVER TO STAY ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS & WHAT HAPPY TIMES WE ALL HAD
TOGETHER, YOU WERE MARRIED @ HOLYROOD CHURCH IN
WATFORD WHERE OUR MUM & DAD MARRIED & WE WERE
ALL BAPTISED IN THE SAME CHURCH. THE TIME CAME FOR
GILL TO RETURN TO THE USA, YOU HAD NOT LONG HAD MY
1ST NIECE TERESA, BUT SHE WAS ONLY EVER OUR TZ &
STILL IS TO THIS DAY, YOU WERE SO YOUNG JO , TO GO OFF
TO THE MIGHTY USA, A BIG COUNTRY AT SUCH A TENDER
AGE, TIME PASSED AND YOU GAVE US ANOTHER THREE
BEAUTIFUL NIECES, LOUISE (LOU-LOU) MARIA (ME-ME) AND
LAST BUT NOT LEAST OUR BABY KATHY. YOU HAD A HARD
TIME WHEN GILL WAS POSTED ABROAD, YOU WERE LEFT
ALONE WITH THE CHILDREN & NO FAMILY TO SUPPORT YOU,
BUT YOU DID IT DID'NT YOU MY DARLING, (THEN AGAIN
WITH A MAIDEN NAME OF POWER YOU COULD NOT FAIL.) AS
THE YEARS WENT BY THE WORLD BECAME A SMALLER

PLACE ENABAING US TO HAVE SO MANY HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH YOU ALL, IN SPAIN & THE GOOD OLD USA, & MUM & DAD WHEN YOU WERE IN PANAMA. ALAS, THE DREADED AGE THING CAUGHT UP WITH US, & POOR HEALTH, BUT WE LAUGHED AT IT DID'NT WE JO, NO ROCKING CHAIR'S FOR US POWER GIRLS EH NO MATTER WHAT, WE STAYED YOUNG AT HEART, AND I PROMISE YOU I WILL CARRY THAT MANTRA UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN MY DARLING, ALL THO MY HEART IS BROKEN AT LOOSING YOU SO SUDDENLY, I HAVE HUGGED & PRAYED FOR YOU'R LOVING DAUGHTER'S & GRANDCHILDREN AT A DISTANT'S, TO GIVE THEM STRENGTH THRO THIS, THE MOST PAINFUL TIME THEY WILL EVER FACE, THE UMBILICAL CORD IS CUT. GOD IS SHINING HIS HOLLY LITE ON YOU ALL. NOT GOODBYE MY JO, UNTIL WE ALL MEET AGAIN. REST IN PEASE MY JO, MY LOVE FOR YOU IS ETERNAL. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

YOUR SISTER RITA

Rita - June 26, 2013 at 02:19 PM

SS

“ *My Dearest Auntie Jo,*

I have so many cherished memory's of you, the earlieat ones are of when you lived in Spain, we had so many happy times, then later in the U.S where you always made us so welcome, I will never forget all the special times spent with you, Uncle Gill, Meme, Tz, Lou, Kathy and the dogs.

Although we were so far apart geographically, that wasn't the case in our hearts

You were always so loving and giving, and gave the best cuddles

Now you are reunited with Uncle Gill, Nan, Grandad, and Auntie Doll

I loved you so very much, always in my heart, forever in my thoughts

Sleep peacefully my darling Auntie Jo

Your sammy xxxx

Samantha Silvey - June 26, 2013 at 10:38 AM

GA

“ *Our condolence to Josephine's family. You are all in our in thoughts and prayers. Your neighbors.*

Garnett and Gregory

Garnett - June 26, 2013 at 09:54 AM



“ *David Power lit a candle in memory of Josephine Bridget Gillen*



David Power - June 24, 2013 at 04:32 PM



“ *Jo was my playmate when we were young and although her life as a military wife took her to many places in the world we always had great reunions. She was very much a family person with a very kind nature, I will miss you so much Jo and think of all the good and happy times we had together. All my love as always, your Brother David XX*

I didn't know you too long Jo but loved our times together, you always made me so welcome and will always have a place in my heart. Much love Maggie XX.



David Power - June 24, 2013 at 03:21 PM

DP

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David Power - June 24, 2013 at 02:36 PM

HD

“ *What a beautiful person she was, married to my dear Uncle Ronnie they were a couple and will be happy together now in heaven I'm sure xx*

Hazel Doherty - June 24, 2013 at 04:51 AM

CR

“ *You will truly be missed with your caring and loving spirit. I'll never forget how your family have touched and been apart of my life. You'll forever be in my heart.*

*Much Love,
Cassandra and Family*

Cassandra Reed-Anderson - June 23, 2013 at 04:53 PM

EP

“ We have many lovely memories of our friend and neighbor, Jo Gillen. I remember a pet emergency shortly after Mike and I got married. I ran over to her house in the middle of the day with Little Dog. She had cut her paw and I didn't know what to do. Jo lovingly cleaned and bandaged the wound and Little Dog was soon good as new!

Jo and I often shared neighborhood news and swapped home tips. She was a talented and gifted artist, was kind to and loved all children and animals and overall just one of the sweetest ladies we ever knew.

Jo, you will be missed but we know that you and Gil are still looking over all of us on Beachcraft Court!

We extend our deepest sympathy to all of her family but especially to Kathy, Louise and Theresa. We're here for you girls... no matter what!

Love from:

Elaine and Mike Pilecki

Elaine and Mike Pilecki - June 23, 2013 at 04:30 PM

MC

There's a million memories of grandma. It's not easy to choose one, but something springs to mind:

I remember back when she was painting, she was such a wonderful artist. She was working on a picture of an old man sitting in a wooden chair, it was beautiful; better than anything I'd seen at that point (all the 11 or so years I was). I asked what she was doing and she told me that she was working on a picture. She started explaining the part she was working on, it was the shading in the background which portrayed light from a candle shining on the whole painting. It was about as perfect-looking as anyone who's seen her art would imagine. I was in awe of how easily she made the painting come to life. I think I was equally in awe of how easily she handed the brush over to me.

She told me she was "cross-hatching" and explained the basics of how to do it. Just like that, I was ruining her masterpiece with my 11 year old technique, all the while she was beaming with a smile that I assume only a grandmother could possess. By the end her perfect painting became a mess of colors and shapes that only Picasso could appreciate. I don't think she lost a minute's sleep over it.

Grandma Josie was a wonderful person and we will all miss her dearly. Bob Ross had nothing on her!

Love always,

-Matt

Matt Carson - June 25, 2013 at 12:24 AM