



Gisela Gockel

September 5, 2013

Gisela Gockel, 84, of Cape Girardeau, MO ended her long valiant struggle with breast cancer on September 5, 2013 at the Chaffee Nursing Center. Gisela was born Sept. 29, 1928 in Belgrade, Yugoslavia to Alexander and Gisela Militz. When Gisela was only 5 years old her mother died. Shortly thereafter, Gisela and her brother Alexander were placed in a Lutheran orphanage. She spent the next 7 years there until she was adopted by Phillip and Elizabeth Huber, a German family. During WWII, with the invasion of the Russian Red Army into Yugoslavia, Gisela's family fled their home in Siwatz and journeyed to a refugee camp near Mauthausen, Austria and eventually settled in Durlach, Germany. In 1955, Gisela met Gus W. Gockel, Jr., who was stationed at the U.S. Army base in Karlsruhe. They were married on March 5, 1956 and made their home in Cape Girardeau. Survivors include her husband, Gus W. Gockel, Jr. of Cape Girardeau; two sons, Jimmy Gockel and Johnny (Jane) Gockel of Cape Girardeau, MO; daughters, Ellen Hillemann of Scott City, MO and Nellie (Darris) McIntyre of Bell City, MO; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and her adopted parents, Phillip and Elizabeth Huber. A private memorial ceremony will be held by family members and remains flown to Holland where her ashes will be spread over the tulip fields as her last request.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Mom-will miss you terribly but can take comfort in knowing you are no longer in pain and are with God now and one day we will all be together once again. Your loving son.

Jimmy Gockel - October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Aunt Gisela was a great lady. We will miss her so much, but we know she is in a better place and is at peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with Uncle Bill and our dear cousins.

Sondra Gockel-Hoover and Baxter Hoover - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Gus, Sorry to hear of your wife's passing. May peace come soon through the sorrow that now fills your heart.

Terrell Weaver - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Susan Simmons - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM