



Marilyn A. Gifford

October 10, 1937 - May 4, 2009

Marilyn Adele Gifford, 71, of Eatontown, died Monday, May 4, at St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center @ Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch. Born in Red Bank, she was a lifelong resident of Eatontown. Marilyn began her career in banking as a teller and worked her way up to the position of Branch Manager and Vice President for Central Jersey Bank and Trust Company, Eatontown, working 39 years before retiring in 1996. While working for the bank she attended the Banking School of America and Institution of Banking. Marilyn was a member of the Hope Presbyterian Church, Tinton Falls from its inception, having been ordained an Elder and Deacon of the church. She was a member, serving as treasurer, of the Gleaners at Hope Presbyterian Church. Marilyn was a proud member of the United Methodist Women, the Ocean Township Knitting Club, and a board member of the Eatontown Food Co-op and a former member of the Rainbow Girls, Washington lodge, Eatontown. Marilyn loved to travel and was an avid bowler, bowling in several leagues.

She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Franklin L. Gifford in 2007. Surviving is a sister; Myrtle Schanck of Florida, a niece; Terry Lerner, her godson and nephew; Stan Lerner, four cousins; Steve Lee, Deacon Jim Davis, Linda Sliben and Wallace Davidson.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Visitation

MAY 7. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Presbyterian Church
1189 Hope Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ Even though we were 1000 miles apart my whole life, Marilyn was, and always will be a conerstone in my life. Her and my Godfather showed me what it means to serve the community, serve one's true love, and serve the Lord. I was thinking about her the other day, and realized that when I am at my best in doing all of these things, I am merely projecting out all of those things that Marilyn was, and all those things she taught me to be. No words can express what she meant to me and my life. I'll love her always.##imported-begin##Stan Lerner##imported-end##

May 10, 2009 at 05:42 PM



“ We hear Marilyn saying, "I take one day at a time." Marilyn packed her days full. She was a devoted daughter and wife and a caring friend.
She was a dedicated and loyal worker. She was a gracious and generous person. She will be remembered and missed by so many.##imported-begin##Albert and Joanne Walker##imported-end##

May 07, 2009 at 08:29 AM



“ Marilyn was such a kind person who radiated a warm and beautiful energy. She will be so missed but will remain in our thoughts and hearts always!
God Bless-
Donna & Mitchell
(Hope Church)##imported-begin##Donna & Mitchell Anderson-Sweeney##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 07:54 PM



“ *SOrry to hear of Marilyn's passing. Our hearts and prayers go out to her family and friends who dearly loved her. I've been gone from Eatontown for 40 years but remember her as a Bank Teller in town when I was a kid. A sweetheart!##imported-begin##Elise Mahns Brand##imported-end##*

May 06, 2009 at 06:49 PM



“ *Marilyn was kind, generous soul with a warm smile and laugh that will never be forgotten. She was loved, and she will be missed.*

Lee and Elaine Lerner, Lake Mary, FL##imported-begin##Lee and Elaine Lerner##imported-end##

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“ *Marilyn*
For over a half century we've laughed and cried together. You as my aunt and friend stood for me at my wedding and have been a wonderful godmother to my son. Even when distance separated us, our love and closeness was always there. Your faith in God and your personal strength is an inspiration to us all. You are at peace now. Be with Frank, your mother and father and those that are dear to you. You have been and always will be a very special part of my life. I love you and will truly miss you.##imported-begin##Terry Lerner##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn was such a wonderful woman, as was Frank. They both gave so much to their community and to their friends and family. God Bless them both.##imported-begin##Wally and Joyce Englehart##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 10:59 AM



“ Marilyn has been a true and wonderful friend of mine since 1963. She has been a faithful and dedicated church member. She had strength and love to share with all who needed it. Marilyn had a joyful sense of humor and was quick to laugh. I truly love her and her husband. I will miss her greatly. God grant peace to her as she joins Frank in the arms of God.##imported-begin##Carol-Jeanne Turk##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 10:35 AM



“ A DEEP Loss to our church and community. Marilyn was a rock on which we ALL could count on. She was a caring and dedicated lady who I wish peace and love to. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who had the pleasure of knowing this wonderful woman.##imported-begin##Tammy Rob and Mason Weiss##imported-end##

May 06, 2009 at 07:41 AM