



## Jeannette Ruth Kirk Gillies

February 15, 1915 - March 8, 2021

TECUMSEH– Jeannette Ruth Kirk Gillies, age 106, passed away on March 8, 2021.

Jeannette was born in Adrian, Michigan on February 24, 1915, to James Ralph and Frances M. (Baldwin) Kirk. She married Bennie F. Gillies on August 29, 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1997.

She graduated from Adrian High School in 1933 and Adrian College in 1937 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in teaching. She taught at Henry Ford's School of Home Arts from 1937 – 1941 and worked in the credit department of Henry Ford Hospital from 1941-1944. She also taught at Tecumseh Junior High from 1967-1977.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tecumseh since 1953, the Golden Cross Circle of the Presbyterian Church and served as a Sunday school teacher as well as terms as deacon and ruling elder. Jeannette became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority while at Adrian College and was an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni in Adrian. She was a member of the Lakes Preservation League and Lakes Card Club at Devils Lake.

She is survived by her two sons: Douglas E. (Barbara) Gillies of Manitou

Beach, MI and Charles (Randy) Gillies of Berkley, MI; three grandchildren: Laurie (Matthew) Dewitz, Jeffrey (Chasity) Gillies, and Logan (Michael) Gallagher; seven great grandchildren: Luke and Nolan Gallagher, Natalie and Jillian Dewitz, and Aiden, Williem and Robbert Gillies; and two nieces: Mrs. Elaine Phillips and Mrs. Julie Holtz.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, brother, James Baldwin Kirk, and nephew, James William Kirk.

A special thank you goes to the staff of Fieldstone in Tecumseh and Careline Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by Wagley Funeral Home and there will be a private memorial service for family with Reverend Cathi King of the First Presbyterian Church in Tecumseh.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakwood Cemetery**

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeannette Ruth Kirk Gillies*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I had the privilege of knowing Jeanette over the last 10 years through caring for her hearing. She was a delightful person and a great inspiration to me to stay thankful and positive in any situation life brings.*

**Laura Costa** - March 14, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *I was blessed with caring for Jeanette when she was at The Fieldstone. She was a wonderful, caring and kind lady. I know she will be missed dearly.*

**Leslie Snow** - March 11, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Remembering Jeannette through the years with MUCH fondness...Jan Snyder Hunt*

**Jan Hunt** - March 11, 2021 at 05:30 AM



“ *Jeannette came into the beauty shop the Cutting Corner, where I worked and would always talk about her sons Doug and Chuck. She would also bring in her sons artwork and tell us stories behind the picture. She was sharp as a tack and was so kind and caring. She lived her life to the fullest. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

**Becky Ries** - March 09, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ Jeannette was a very special lady to me. She will be missed dearly. She made my day everyday i got to see her. I was privileged enough to be let into her world. She will always have a place in my heart. So sorry for the loss of this lady. And my condolences go out to her family.

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**Mich Bissett** - March 08, 2021 at 07:02 PM