



## Lillis A. Gilmartin

June 12, 1931 - February 27, 2017

ADRIAN – Lillis A. Gilmartin, age 85 of Adrian, passed away on Monday, February 27, 2017, at her daughter's home under the care of Hospice of Lenawee.

She was born June 12, 1931, in Columbus, Ohio to T. Thomas and Anna (Lester) Wylie. She completed her undergraduate degree at Oberlin College and received a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Michigan. On June 13, 1953, she married Richard Gilmartin in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they celebrated 63 years together. He preceded her in death on February 15, 2017.

Lillis was an adjunct professor at Siena Heights University, taught in the Adrian Public Schools, and gave piano lessons. She also worked as church organist for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palmyra and the Adrian Episcopal Church for many years. Lillis enjoyed performing in plays at the Croswell Opera House and at Siena Heights. She played violin with the Adrian Symphony Orchestra in its early years and was part of the pit orchestra at the Croswell Opera House. Lillis was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian. She was also a member of the YMCA, Alpha Omega, Matinee Musical, her book club, and was a former member of 1000 Cranes, the storytellers, and Kappa Kappa Epsilon.

Lillis is survived by her children, James Gilmartin of Schaumburg, IL and Amy (Don) Lusk of Brooklyn, MI.

In addition to her parents and husband, Richard, she was preceded in death

by a brother, Thomas Wylie and a son, Thomas Gilmartin.

A memorial service celebrating both Lillis and her husband, Richard, will take place at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Sarah Ross officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until the service.

Contributions in memory of Lillis are suggested to Hospice of Lenawee or the First Presbyterian Church of Adrian. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lillis A. Gilmartin*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Amy and Jim,  
I have only just heard about your mother and father both passing. Although I did not have a great deal of contact with them over the years, I always heard from them at Christmastime. My mother Norma Zell, loved Lillis like a sister. Lillis was so kind and considerate and Dick always friendly and easy to talk to. I shall miss them both.  
Love and Peace,  
Laura Z. Clavio*

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**Laura Clavio** - March 10, 2017 at 11:35 AM



“ *What a beautiful, kind soul. The times we spent together in Michigan and New York City, including attending service with me at The Riverside Church, will be remembered always. Rest Well.*

*Love,*

*Aji Adeniji*

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**Aji Adeniji** - March 08, 2017 at 11:25 AM

PV

“*Mrs. Gilmartin was blessing it was an honor to have known her she was a very close friend to my Mother Mrs Betty Duron who she help in the hard times of her life. I would like to give my heartfelt condolences to all of her family also in passing of her husband Dr. Gilmartin condolences being sent. They will be missed dearly.*  
*Sincerely*  
*Pastors Pete an Shirley Valdez*

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**Pedro Valdez** - March 04, 2017 at 12:32 PM

TK

“*I loved this family and was blessed to have Tom as a best friend. I visited with the Gilmartins 6 years ago when my dad passed away and his services were in Adrian. Visiting with Mrs. Gilmartin was like coming home. This family was special, and I am heartbroken for Jim and Amy. They had great parents and I was very blessed to know them both and to work beside Dr. Gilmartin in my early years in health care. His gentle, caring approach impressed me and over 40 years later, I credit him for helping me to become a better nurse. This family influenced my life in many great ways, and I shall be forever grateful for such fond memories. Countless people have all suffered a great loss. Their marriage was an inspiration too*

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**Tim Krzys** - March 02, 2017 at 03:56 PM

RD

“*Ray Dennis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lillis A. Gilmartin.*



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**Ray Dennis** - March 02, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lillis A. Gilmartin.*



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March 01, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ *Jim and Amy--So sorry to hear that your mother passed away. I have fond memories of your Mother from when you kids were all growing up on Hillcrest. I know she was a talented musician and enjoyed giving piano lessons. At one time she baked Birthday Cakes once a month for a local nursing home. In later years she, Rose and I got together to celebrate all of our birthdays in June. Lydia Oprsal*

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**Lydia Oprsal** - March 01, 2017 at 12:23 PM



“ *with sincere sympathy, Mary K.Vallad*



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**mary k. vallad** - February 28, 2017 at 06:35 PM