



Gilda Maria Heider

May 10, 1927 - July 27, 2024

Gilda Maria Heider, age 97, passed away peacefully at her home in Ann Arbor on Saturday, July 27, 2024. Born in Eaton Rapids, Michigan as the third of four daughters to Thomas and Claire Caterino, Gilda lived and worked above the family soda fountain scooping ice cream and delivering sweet treats to the locals. She attended St. Teresa's College in Winona, MN and Marygrove College in Detroit and then taught elementary school at Holy Cross School in South Bend, IN. While in South Bend, Gilda met Wilhelm Heider and they were married in 1954. Gilda enjoyed playing tennis, traveling in the US and Europe, weaving and was an accomplished seamstress. She took pride in her cooking and baking and enjoyed writing and exchanging regular letters with her sisters and friends. Gilda was preceded in death by her husband of 66 yrs. Bill and sisters Anita and Carla. She is survived by sister Lenora, son John (Trish) of Saline, MI and grandchildren Will of Charlotte, NC, Eric of Saline, MI, Ally of Chicago, IL and Lisa of Salt Lake City, UT. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at 11:00 am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ypsilanti, MI. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am until the start of the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Autism Speaks or Arbor Hospice. To leave a memory you have of Gilda or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
411 Florence Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
<https://www.ypsilanticatholic.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
411 Florence Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
<https://www.ypsilanticatholic.com/>

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Lidia Tudor and Angelina purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gilda Maria Heider.



Lidia Tudor and Angelina - August 13, 2024 at 11:14 AM

DT

“ Dana Turcas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilda Maria Heider.

Dana Turcas - August 08, 2024 at 12:40 PM

DT

“ Dana Turcas purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gilda Maria Heider.



Dana Turcas - August 08, 2024 at 12:40 PM

MM

“ Sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of visiting Aunt Gil when kids, I was always impressed with her sewing, there was always something new around the house. And She always made you drink your milk! I carry that with me to this day! With love , Maria ❤️

Maria Murphy - August 06, 2024 at 11:00 AM

LM

“ Love, Maria and Martin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilda Maria Heider.

Love, Maria and Martin - August 06, 2024 at 10:48 AM

LM

“ Love, Maria and Martin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gilda Maria Heider.



Love, Maria and Martin - August 06, 2024 at 10:48 AM

TR

“ The Restuccias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilda Maria Heider.

The Restuccias - August 05, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gilda Maria Heider.



August 05, 2024 at 01:46 PM

DP

“ *David and Beth Parsigian purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gilda Maria Heider.*



David and Beth Parsigian - August 04, 2024 at 04:26 PM

CE

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your mom, my wonderful Aunt Gilda. I always thought of her as being much like Jackie Kennedy in that she was elegant, composed, graceful, poised, and so kind. I can only be happy that she had a good life and that she was able to exit that life while still in her own home. Sending you all love.*

Christina Edmonds - July 31, 2024 at 09:28 PM

CE

.....and lest I forget, the hazelnut meringue cookies she baked and sent out each Christmas. A bite of heaven!

Christina Edmonds - July 31, 2024 at 09:32 PM