



Gilda Sue Calahan

September 27, 1931 - October 19, 2009

Gilda Sue (Fewkes) Calahan, 78, of Center Twp., passed away at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2009 at Butler Memorial Hospital from congestive heart failure and other complications. She has been a resident of St. John Specialty Care Center, Mars, PA since Feb. 18, 2003.

She was born September 27, 1931 in Meridian, PA, the daughter of the late Maurice Alfred Fewkes and the late Adaline (Rigrish) Fewkes. Gilda retired from Allied Auto Parts in 1988, where she was a bookkeeper. She held bookkeeping positions over her career with The Fashion Store, The Ladies Store and Paul Kirkpatrick's Sporting Goods Store. She also doubled as a ladies purchasing agent at Kirkpatrick's and while there, Butler High School Athletic Dept. purchased uniforms and in the 1960's the "Golden Tornados" did not have an official design for the insignia so Gilda submitted a design that became her high schools official emblem. After her retirement she drove school bus and van for Bryan and Campbell Bus Co. She enjoyed ceramics and genealogy, having traveled on genealogy research trips with her husband, Chuck, in the U.S., Ireland, Wales and England. She was a non-denominational Christian.

Surviving are husband of nearly 60 years, Charles E. Calahan, 2 daughters; Suzan Lynn and her husband, Dr. James Wray Johns D. M.D. of Lititz, Lancaster Co.,PA, and Linda Gale and her husband, Dwayne Gallia of Corpus

Christi, TX, a son; Dr. Charles A. Calahan Ph.D. and his wife, Nancy, of West Lafayette, IN, 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Gordon Fewkes and sister, Norma Jane Pflugh.

Friends will be received at Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson St., Butler, on Friday from 6-8 PM with services on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 12:00 PM with her son in law, Dr. James W. Johns of Church of God of Central, PA officiating.

Interment in the Greenlawn Burial Estates, Butler, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Good Samaritan Hospice, 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023

Tribute Wall



“ Hi guys: Took an extended feast vacation. So sorry to hear about Gilda. I know you will receive peace from our Lord and God. Peace be with you always.

Doris & Dick Arnowitz##imported-begin##Doris & Dick Arnowitz##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ May God comfort you and your family in your loss of your loved one.##imported-begin##Ann Heinze##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathies for the loss of your wife and mother. You will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Richard and Nancy Bydlon##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. May you find comfort knowing she's resting in Christ.

God bless.##imported-begin##Kevin McMillen and family##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew and remember Gilda from when I was a little girl (Sharon Wilhite, daughter of Sherman and Roberta) my condolences go out to her family.##imported-begin##Sharon & Greg Prinzi##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jim & Sue,
Sorry to hear the news. Know that she is at peace and the next thing she will know is God's awakening after all this mess is gone. Take peace in these thoughts.
Know that our prayers of peace are with you.

Love,
David & Frances##imported-begin##David & Frances
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October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue - so sorry to hear of your mom's death. We'll be thinking of you and all of the family. Much love, Kathy & Lyle.##imported-begin##Kathy & Lyle Kerby##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandpa,

You are in our prayers! We will see you Friday.

~Phil and Tam##imported-begin##Phil and Tammy
Charles##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We send our sympathies to all the family. We did not have the pleasure of knowing Gilda, but we met Charles. We are good friends of Jim and Sue Johns. We hope God will give each of you the comfort you need with the loss of your loved one. With our sympathy, John and Rosie##imported-begin##John and Rose Massie##imported-end##

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandpa, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you and hope to see you soon!##imported-begin##Tom and Jenny Burnett##imported-end##

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