



Glenna Gilleland

October 4, 1928 - May 13, 2023

Glenna Mae (nee Bertram) Gilleland, age 94, of Long Lake, IL, passed away on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at her home.

Glenna was born October 4, 1928 in Cincinnati, OH, the daughter of the late Harry F. and Bessie M. Bertram. She majored in physical education at the University of Cincinnati at a time when women's athletics were less acknowledged. Years later, Glenna was finally presented with her varsity letter.

While working as a camp counselor in Minocqua, WI, Glenna met the love of her life, Owen, who was taking a surveying course nearby. They married on June 16, 1951 and began their life in Chicago, raising their four children in Skokie and Barrington, and eventually retiring to their 'forever' home on Long Lake. She often said she was so lucky because not only had Owen built her a brand new house, he did it three times!

Glenna worked as a special education aide at Kirk School in Palatine for many years. From the 1960's in Skokie, to Barrington, and even after she moved to Long Lake, she always volunteered with Meals on Wheels. Glenna was also a member of the Community Church of Barrington. She had a heart for people in need and wanted to make a difference in people's lives.

As a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Glenna was something of a legend. She could be counted on to attend every sporting event, graduation, birthday party, or other family event with pride, enthusiasm, and encouragement. She was a wonderful hostess to friends and family (with her chocolate chip cookies always a perennial favorite) and everyone she met was a friend.

She is survived by her children Owen Gilleland III, Dale (MaryJo) Gilleland, Beth (Frank) Swindle, and Scott (Barbara) Gilleland; grandchildren Sarah (Robert) McCrumb, Owen (Amber) Gilleland IV, Brian (Laura) Gilleland, Stacy (Daniel) Vincenzo, Daniel Swindle, Patrick (Fateme) Swindle, Kelsey, (Luke) Hazzard, Robert Gilleland, Jack (Alyssa) Gilleland, and Abby Gilleland; great-grandchildren Chloe, Jace, Melody, Aidan, Evan, Kieran, JJ, Charlie, and Evelyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband Owen Gilleland Jr and by her sister Betty Carter.

Visitation will be 11 – 1 on Thursday, May 18 2023 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. A funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. The service will be live-streamed at <https://evt.live/glenna-gilleland>. Cremation will take place privately after the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Glenna's memory to Meals on Wheel of Northeastern Illinois: <https://mealsonwheelsnei.org/donate>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Live Cast

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Live Stream

<https://evt.live/glenna-gilleland>

Tribute Wall



“ *Glenna Gilleland*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathies and prayers for Owie, Dale, Beth, Scott, Frank, MaryJo, Barbara and the whole Gilleland Family.*

Raymond (Scott) Olson

Raymond Olson - May 24, 2023 at 08:36 AM



“ *There's no way to pinpoint just one memory. Time in the Gilleland home - from Skokie to Barrington to Long Lake - meant love, laughter, refreshment and recreation. Aunt Glenna, thank you for years of gracious hospitality, selfless service, and arms ready to hug. Owen, Dale, Beth, and Scott - love you all dearly.*

- Jacquee (and Bill)

Jacquee Jerome - May 18, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Loved to go to parties with Glenna! So much fun. I remember our 40s-50s-60s party especially.*

Patti Jelen - May 17, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Glenna Gilleland.*



May 17, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Glenna Gilleland.

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“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Glenna Gilleland.*



May 16, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Glenna Gilleland.*



May 16, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Glenna Gilleland.*



May 16, 2023 at 10:37 AM