



Orla E Gay

January 17, 1938 - August 27, 2011

Orla E. Gay, age 73, of Bloomingdale, peacefully departed this life on August 27th, 2011, with family by her side. Orla was born in 1938 to Elva and Ed Olson of Bloomingdale Township. She married Harley Gay in 1955, celebrating 56 years of life together on their Bloomingdale farm before her passing. Orla's passion and joy was her 30+ year career in the Elementary Library at Bloomingdale Public Schools where she shared her love of reading, American history (especially the Iditarod Race in Alaska), and American folk music with generations of children during her time there. She gave selflessly of her time to numerous community events and 4-H, and always had time for a neighbor in need. She had a tender heart for all creatures great and small, and will be missed by the song birds, raccoons, deer, and family pets that benefited from her love and attention. Orla is survived by her daughter: Victoria (Huey) LaCosse (Scott LaCosse), Sanford, MI; granddaughters: Ashley (Gay) Huffman (Bert Huffman), Skidmore, MO; and Tara Gay, Gobles, MI; sisters: Joan Klein, Phillips, WI; and Verna Wagner, Bensonville, IL; stepdaughter: Harlene Watson, Plainwell, MI; and daughter-in-law: Shari Gay (Rob Esman); She was predeceased by her husband, Harley Gay; son, Russell Gay; brother, William Olson; stepson, Harvey Gay; and her parents. Cremation has taken place. A private celebration of her life will be scheduled at a future date. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be directed to: Wings of Hope Hospice, Allegan, MI, or The Al-Van Humane Society, South Haven, MI. Arrangements by BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *mrs. Gay was one of my 1st teachers i had comeing to B,dale Elem. She was such a wonderful person, not only did she teach me while in elem school, but she was someone whom i had lots of talks to as a adult. I had told her how she had made a impression on me as a child being that she was the tallest woman i had ever seen,because all the woman in my life was about 5ft, It made her laugh so much, even after I was all grown up we would share that special laugh about how i would look at her so mesmerized as a child. I still think of her like that in my heart. she was just a great person to have had the pleasure of knowing both as a child and a adult. I will miss her and her hubby, they were so beautiful together. my thoughts are with you vic, penny cantrell woodard*

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