



## Irene King Gilley

September 12, 1926 - August 16, 2011

Gilley, Irene King, 84, of Big Stone Gap, VA, passed away on Tuesday (August 16, 2011) at the Wellmont Hospice House in Bristol, TN.

She was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap. She supported her husband in the family business ventures. She was a member of the Big Stone Gap Chapter #157 O. E. S., a member of the Red Hat Society, volunteered with the Lonesome Pine Hospital Auxiliary and John Fox, Jr. Museum. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Big Stone Gap, where she was a member of the Susanna Wesley Circle.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Belle (Lunsford) King.

Surviving are her husband of 62 years, James B. "Jim" Gilley; her daughter, Mercedes Gilley Wells and fiancé Jerry Couch of Johnson City, TN; two sons, Kenny Gilley and wife Joan, and Ralph Gilley and wife Leslie, all of Big Stone Gap; four grandchildren, Kent Gilley and wife Susan, Justin Gilley, Courtney Combs and husband Michael and Brittany Gilley; one great granddaughter, Caroline Combs; one brother, Bobby King of Big Stone Gap; two sisters, Joan Mainwold of Indian Harbor Beach, FL and Jimmie Joyce Mahaffey of Melbourne, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday at

the Trinity United Methodist Church (E. 1st St., S. and Wyandotte Avenue, E.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday in the church sanctuary with Dr. Ken LaDuke officiating.

Entombment services will follow in the Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

The pallbearers will be: Mike Allen, Harry Meador, III, Justin Gilley, Kent Gilley, Michael Combs and Mark Blanken. The honorary pallbearers will be: Bud Wells, Harold Kirk, Mark Blevins, Robby Chandler and Jake Neely.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 217, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219 or the Wellmont Hospice House, 280 Steeles Road, Bristol, TN 37620.

To view the obituary and registry online, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gilley family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene King Gilley*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear Ralph and Family,*

*Our Deepest Condolences. Our Dear Lord is always with the broken hearted. He wraps us in His loving protective arms, close to His breast, just like our earthly father does.*

*Sincerely,  
Best Pawn Mgmt.*

**Best Pawn Shop** - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *Just wanted to say our prayers are with all of you may GOD hold you all in his arms thru this time and Thank You for all youve done for us Mother will be missed by many loved by all Gerald*

**Gerald&Lisa Roe** - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *Ken,Joan, Justin, Brittaney and Other Family Members,  
I'm so sorry about Irene. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Carl and Darinda*

**Darinda Hood** - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Jimmy and family*

*My prayers are with all of you. I am so, so glad that I got to visit with Irene, you and Mercedes last week and share that time with each of you. How special that was for me. You know she was so dear to mother. We talked about the relationship for a long time while I was there. You all are in my Heart now. Please stay in touch. Love,  
Sandra*

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**Sandra Coleman** - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Jim & Family,*

*May you & your family be filled with the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.*

*John & Anne Cubine*

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**Anne Cubine** - December 10, 2013 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Sincere sympathy from Walter & Brenda.*

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**Walter & Brenda Miller.** - August 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM