



Gertrude Rose Smythe

July 30, 1925 - November 4, 2023

Gertrude Rose Smythe, 98, Warsaw, passed away Nov. 4, 2023 in Archbold, OH. She was born to Neal and Ellen (Sandham) McClane on July 30, 1925 in Warsaw.

After graduating from Mentone High School in 1943 she joined the local Civil Air Patrol.

On June 2, 1946 Gertrude and Harold Smythe Jr. were married in Mentone, when he was discharged after serving during WWII. They settled in Mentone to raise their family, a son David and daughter Elizabeth Anne.

Gertrude moved to Warsaw after her husband died and retiring from Creighton Bros. She had been an accountant and Office Manager at Creighton's for Over 25 years.

Gertrude loved to sew, winning many ribbons at the county fair. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens and was known on East Clark Street for her beautiful flowers and dressed cement geese. Even in her mid -nineties Gertrude was still wearing her signature high heeled shoes. She always had at least one house cat to keep her company and fed many of the neighborhood strays. Gertrude had also headed up a group of Red Hat ladies that enjoyed going out to lunch once a month at area restaurants.

She will be missed by her son David (Sandy) Smythe, Mentone, Grandson Skipper (Kelly) Smythe, Warsaw, Granddaughter Rachel (Chris) Blanton, Wauseon, OH, Grandson Eric (Trinity) Stone, Indianapolis, Great Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Margaret (Peg) Burger, daughter Elizabeth Anne Stone, and Grandson Neal Smythe.

Her remains will be interred privately in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana

To honor her memory, donations can be made to the Animal Welfare League of Kosciusko County.

Cemetery Details

Mentone Cemetery

Morgan St Jefferson Street
Mentone, IN 46539

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

King Memorial Home
101 North Tucker Street
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Mentone, IN 46539
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Tribute Wall

SR

“ I'm truly sorry for the loss of Aunt Gertrude, she is the last of the original Smythe family and now the cousins are left and some of them are gone too. My heart goes out to you, David and Sandy but I know you have wonderful memories that will linger forever in your hearts. I know Steve really enjoyed her loving Maine Coons, he would converse with her on the internet about cats. My prayers are with you and Sandy and the rest of her loved ones. With love, Susie

Susie Riffe - November 24, 2023 at 05:00 PM

BW

“ Gert was the true meaning of style and grace. Gert's attire always matched from head to toe, and was truly a lady. She represented herself as a very confident , intelligent and structured lady, a force to recon with when she needed her voice heard. We shall miss her very much. Gert's life was truly blessed. She will be missed by so many.
Butch and Diane Warren



Butch and Diane Warren - November 24, 2023 at 09:08 AM

SP

“ Gert & my Mom had been friends, as long as I can remember! We lost our Mom last Dec. They bowled, together, for many years. No matter how old we get , it's tough to lose our Moms. Thinking of u David & family!

Sherry Pequignot - November 10, 2023 at 12:52 PM

AK

I got to know Gert when we both worked at Creighton Brothers , her in the office and me at the hog farm. She kept everyone in line and I very glad that we were friends.

Alice Keirn - November 23, 2023 at 09:28 PM

EA

Gert was a good friend and a great person. She will be dearly missed.

Ed Antonides - November 27, 2023 at 08:09 AM