



Dorothy L. Gilleland

October 24, 1929 - March 4, 2026

Dorothy Lou Gilleland passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 4, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, devotion, and unwavering strength. She was born on October 24, 1929, in Hopwood, Pennsylvania. As a teenager, she worked at Clements Grocery Store and later at a local dental laboratory as a courier, where she met the love of her life, Holbert “Bert” Clyde Gilleland. They were married for 48 years.

Throughout their life together, Dorothy embraced many roles with dedication and grace. She graduated from beautician school, worked at the Rockwell plant in Uniontown, served as a telephone operator in Washington, D.C., sold Avon, raised five children, and lovingly cared for her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was a devoted and caring mother who always put her family first, offering them unwavering support and love in every season of life.

As an Air Force wife, she and Bert lived in Florida, England, New Mexico, and Kansas before settling in Point Marion in 1972 following Bert’s retirement. Shortly after, Bert’s great-aunt came to live with them, and Dorothy provided her with devoted daily care.

Dorothy was a longtime and active member of the Point Marion United Methodist Church. She found joy in sewing, crocheting, cooking, wallpapering,

painting, gardening, and keeping a beautiful home. Her family and her home were her greatest pride. In her later years, as her health declined, she especially enjoyed playing Scrabble and cards with family and friends.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Holbert “Bert” Clyde Gilleland; her son, Samuel David Davis; her parents, Sarah (Kennedy) Davis and Ferdinand Davis; two sisters; and two brothers.

She is survived by her brother, Thomas Davis of Cape Coral, Florida; her children Diana Lynn Gilleland (Randy Renaldo) of Morgantown, West Virginia, Timothy Earl Gilleland (Joy) of Independence, West Virginia, Dawn Lee King (Michael) of Smithfield, Pennsylvania, and Gregg Gilleland (Emily) of Point Marion, Pennsylvania. She is also survived by six grandchildren—Jeremy Gilleland, Jennifer Tkacik (Michael), Christopher King (Melanie), Canaan Gilleland, Alexandria Gilleland, and Logan Gilleland—and three great-grandchildren: Elijah King, Taran Hufnagel, and Isaac King, along with many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy’s life was defined by love, service, and an unshakeable devotion to her family. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

In honoring Dorothy's wishes, there will be no public services. Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Pa. Remembrances for her family may be posted at www.herod-rishel.com

Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Annie Kollar lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L. Gilleland*



Annie Kollar - March 07 at 06:14 PM



“ *Tim , so sorry to hear of you're mother's passing. Thoughts, Prayers, and Condolences for you , and the family. 🙏*

Robert Gibson - March 07 at 11:41 AM

DK

“ *Diane Kisinger lit a candle in memory of Dorothy L. Gilleland*



Diane Kisinger - March 07 at 11:38 AM

DR

“ *I'm so sorry about your mom. May she RIP 🙏🙏🙏*

Diane Russwurm - March 07 at 09:15 AM

KC

“ Diane, Jeremy & Taran. I am so sorry to hear about your mom & grandmother. She was the glue that kept the family together. She was a wonderful person and sounds like she led a wonderful life with her family. Hugs & peace to you all! God Bless.

Karen Civit - March 07 at 08:31 AM

DS

“ My condolences.

Don Smith - March 07 at 07:15 AM

TS

“ Tim I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I will keep you and your family in my prayers!



Tammy Spacht - March 06 at 10:37 AM

GR

“ So sorry for your loss Tim may God be with you and your family at this time . RIP Dorothy Gilleland



Gregory Rizer - March 06 at 09:03 AM

TS

I remember her so well. Her and my mom were very close as Air Force wives! She was always smiling and so kind to us all ! Rest in peace Dorothy! Prayers to all of you ! 🙏

Tammy Shultz - March 07 at 08:25 AM

TG

“ Mommy,
You were the heart of our family and showed endless love and strength. We will miss your visits and stories. Rest easy, until we meet again.
We love you,
Timothy and Joy

Timothy and Joy Gilleland - March 06 at 08:38 AM

DF

Dorothy was like a second mom to me growing up. I practically lived there & attended church with the family. I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of such a wonderful lady! Prayers and condolences go out to the family!

Debbie Johnson Fike - March 07 at 07:11 AM

CD

To our friends (who are like family to us) our hearts are saddened to learn of the death of your mom. Dorothy (still Mrs. Gilleland to us kids on the hill) was a wonderful, loving and friendly person who treated ALL of us like her own. May her soul, and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen!

Love you and you will be missed! ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏

*The DuBois Family
MaryLou and Charmaine
Al (Sonny), Alfred, Jr. and
Kenny*

Charmaine DuBois - March 18 at 05:13 PM