



Margaret "Maggie" Auclair Gildart

April 28, 1923 - December 20, 2020

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Margaret Auclair Gildart, our loving mother and devoted friend to all whose lives she touched, on December 20, 2020.

"Maggie" left us sleeping peacefully at her residence, The Inn at Village Square in Gorham, Maine, at the age of 97.

Maggie was born April 28, 1923 in Westbrook, Maine, the fifth child of seven, to Charles and Claudia Auclair. Her education began at St. Hyacinth's school and continued at Westbrook High School, from which she graduated in 1941.

She is predeceased by her parents; her brothers, Freddie, Roger and Armand Auclair; her sisters, Laura Breton and Bertha Frasier; and her grandson, Jeffrey Miller.

She was the loving mother of Donna Gildart (Dean) and Deborah Miller (David); the proud grandmother of Lisa Bertsch (Guy), Ellen Spahr (Hugh) and Tom Edge (Kate); the delighted great-grandmother of Zoe Bertsch, Charlotte Miller, Annie Edge, Emmett Edge, Greta Spahr and Amelia Spahr; the faithful sister to Sylvia Girouard (Emery) and the aunt enjoyed by many nieces and nephews.

Maggie lived a full life as a friendly, caring person. She was a Golden Eagle Club member; a loyal volunteer at Springbrook Nursing Home; and a dedicated employee of S.D. Warren for over 40 years (where she excelled in the bowling league). After retiring in 1985, she lived her dream of traveling the world with good friend, Harriet, and enthralled many with her stories of surviving an earthquake in Mexico; a flood in Venice, and a horrible hotel fire in Vienna. Maggie then tried wintering in Alabama, Arizona, and Florida, sharing these times with longtime friend and cousin, Theresa Brochu Clarke. She then chose Florida winters, where she resided until 2012 in Naples at Marco Shores. She was very active in all the community activities and earned a reputation as a fierce bocce player.

Most of all, Maggie adored her family...always putting them first with countless days of babysitting; umpteen treks to family gatherings in Central Maine (even in dreaded snowstorms); but especially with the endless love she gave us all. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Maggie's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to The Inn's staff for the kindness and compassion shown to her during her time there.

A celebration of Maggie's life will be held in the summer of 2021. In lieu of flowers, her family encourages a donation to a charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Rob lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Maggie" Auclair Gildart



Rob - January 01 at 12:47 PM



“ Praying for you dear family of Margaret.
My name is Rob Poissant. I became friends with Margaret as a a Eucharistic minister each week at the Inn at the Village. Enjoyed sharing conversations with Margaret. She and Louise Bushey worked together at the Mill and Margaret spoke highly of their friendship. Margaret also enjoyed speaking about your family especially in Florida.
My and my wife Deb's sincere condolences.

Rob Poissant - December 31, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Maggie. I met her at The Inn where my mother, Frances Dugas was living. My mom was so excited to have an old friend living there. They quickly reconnected and were together all the time. It made us so happy to know that mom had a friend to share her day with. Maggie was such a sweet person I'm sure she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. I'm so glad I got to meet her! My thoughts and prayers to you all
Ann Dugas Butterfield

Ann Butterfield - December 30, 2020 at 06:42 AM



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Suzanne AuClair - December 27, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ I'll always remember the stories and laughter we shared whenever we saw each other. Margaret was a bright light! and the most wonderful sister-in-law. Roger rarely came out of the woods, but would make a trip to see Margaret & Sylvia! Fun was always part of the time spent on a visit. I miss her already, and hold her close in heart. Sending love to Debbie, Donna, Sylvia, Emery, Mavis, all her nieces, nephews, grands, and great-grands, extended family and friends ~ Suzanne

Suzanne AuClair - December 27, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ Growing up we all had a favorite relative. Mine was Aunt Margaret (Maggie). She was vivacious and fun-- and told me that as a young woman loved dancing and riding on the back of fast motorcycles. She raised two daughters and retired after 40 years of fulltime shift work in a paper mill. We stayed with her in Maine on family vacations. Her laugh was loud and infectious. We piled into her car and she took us on picnics to the lake, swimming and fishing and to the cold Atlantic's Old Orchard Beach, and blueberry picking. Always a positive attitude and love for life. Aunt Maggie--You're missed. Nick and James Auclair



nicholas auclair - December 24, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ To the Gildart family our sincere sympathy at the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. She sure was a special lady, feeling blessed that we were a small part of her life! Ed & Dianne Leonard

Dianne Leonard - December 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM



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Donna Gildart - December 22, 2020 at 10:40 AM



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Ellen Spahr - December 21, 2020 at 07:31 PM



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Lisa Bertsch - December 21, 2020 at 04:54 PM