



Sarah M Gillespie

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Sarah Marie Gillespie, age 75 of Lewes DE, passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at Christiana Care Hospital after a brief illness. She was born on May 12, 1947, in Erie PA, the daughter of Edith (Burger) Gioia.

Sarah spent her formative years first in Kane PA and then in Philadelphia. After graduating from high school Sarah entered a Catholic religious order where she served the Lord for 13 years. During that time, she attended college and became a Registered Nurse. She also spent several years as a missionary in South America fully utilizing her nursing skills.

Sarah attended Immaculata University where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Over the course of her career as a Registered Nurse, she expertly and lovingly cared for thousands of patients, and her work gave her a great sense of purpose, satisfaction, and joy.

On April 30, 1982, Sarah married the love of her life, Brian Gillespie and they would spend the next forty years raising their beautiful daughters. Sarah loved the simple things in life - taking long walks on the beach, watching old movies, attending mass regularly, and curling up with a good book. Her devotion to her family, however, took precedence above all and the time spent with those she held dear was what she cherished the most. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, and friend, and those who were fortunate enough to have known her will miss her deeply.

After retiring from 40 years of nursing in 2011, Sarah and Brian moved to Lewes DE where they lived the good life, spending time at the beach with friends and family. She could always be found on Sunday mornings in the front pew at Saint Edmond Catholic Church in Rehoboth Beach with Brian, and after that at a front row table at the Crystal Restaurant. Sarah also was a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Jude Catholic Church.

Sarah and Brian travelled extensively during their marriage, visiting places like Cape Town South Africa, Tokyo Japan, London England, Bermuda, and the Highlands of Scotland to mention a few.



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Sarah was preceded in death by her brothers Joseph and Nicolas. Sarah is survived by her husband of forty years, Brian, her daughters Jennifer and Kimberly, her mother Edith Gioia, and her sisters Madeline, Edith, and Alice. She was also a sister-in-law to Kevin and Donna Gillespie, and an aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00AM. At Sarah's wishes dress will be casual; it's the beach!

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Sarah's memory to the Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals, 328 Upper Gulph Road, Radnor, PA 19087 (<https://francisvalehome.org/>).

Please sign Sarah's virtual guestbook located on her tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 5:00 PM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022 AT OUR LEWES LOCATION.

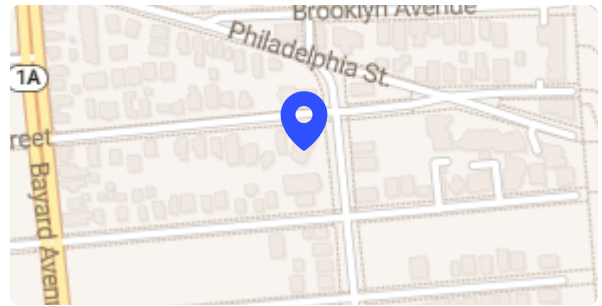


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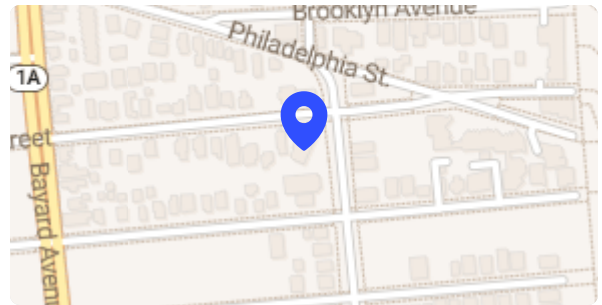
Visitation

- Wednesday**, August 24, 2022
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- St. Edmond Catholic Church**
409 King Charles Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971



Funeral Mass

- Wednesday**, August 24, 2022
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET
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Kathleen Gross posted:

I feel very fortunate to have met Sarah; she was so sweet and kind. Rest in peace my friend; may your family & friends find comfort in the wonderful memories you have shared. Kathleen Gross

August 22 at 6:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gillespie family.



August 18 at 4:21 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Gillespie family.



August 16 at 2:10 PM



Diane Rogers posted:

Sarah was an angel, visiting our mother Clara, for many years as her Eucharist Minister. They spent time together praying and talking about their nursing experiences. I am saddened to learn of her passing ! I know how proud Sarah was of Jennifer and Kimberly and how much she loved her family
♥ You will all be in my prayers for the Lord to comfort you. Diane Rogers

August 16 at 6:57 AM



From Quincy Fee Team sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Gillespie family.



August 16 at 5:46 AM



Kathy Ebner posted:

Sarah was a beautiful flower, always there to lend a helping hand with a smile. She brought joy to people she met and her gentle spirit touched your heart. I thank God for our wonderful friendship these past 42 years and know that we now have a person in heaven praying for us. Kathy Ebner

August 15 at 12:14 PM



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Roberta McGowan posted:

Fly high with the angels sweet friend. Although the years and miles may have separated your memory and indistinguishable laugh will live on in my heart. Deepest sympathy to you Brian, Jenny and Kimmy.

August 15 at 10:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sarah by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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