



## Marilyn Joan Gilding

August 9, 1953 - April 18, 2021

Marilyn Joan Gilding, a loving mother and grandmother, 67 of Eaton Rapids, formerly of Charlotte, died peacefully on Sunday, April 18, 2021. Marilyn was born August 9, 1953 in Hastings, MI, the daughter of John Edward and Norma Jean (Bidelman) Hickey. She graduated from Hastings High School in 1971 before going to work at General Aluminum in Charlotte, where she met the love of her life, Jerrold "Jerry" Gilding. The two married on April 15, 1977 and soon started their family. Marilyn lived a life devoted to her children and grandchildren. She was a constant volunteer at Weymouth Elementary, helping with field trips and class parties. In her spare time, she could be found watching soap operas and reality TV with a can of pop by her side.

Marilyn is survived by her children, Tara (Steven) Vanluven, Tasha McCrimmon, Trevor (Britnee) Gilding, Tia (Joel) Johnson; 7 grandchildren, Jensen and Maddie McCrimmon, Kelsey and Jaxson Johnson, Caiden Gilding, Carter and Gracie Vanluven; sisters, Janice Wilson, Ann Winans, and Sue (Asa) Randall; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Jerrold Gilding in 2020; son-in-law, Christopher McCrimmon; brother-in-law, Bruce Wilson; and her parents.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 1:00 - 3:00 and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte. A Rosary service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. The funeral mass will be

celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021 at the church with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. The funeral will be available for live stream through Marilyn's Tribute page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com), click on Marilyn's Tribute, click Photos and videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the web cast. Interment will take place at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, in Augusta, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Tia Johnson. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Marilyn on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road  
Augusta, MI 49012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 22. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
807 St. Mary Boulevard  
Charlotte, MI 48813

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APR 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Rosary

APR 22. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Charlotte, MI 48813

## Mass

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Marilyn Joan Gilding*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 23, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Joan Gilding*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 21, 2021 at 05:32 PM

TJ

*Best Mom Ever!!!!*

Tia Johnson - April 22, 2021 at 07:21 AM

MK

*Very nice tribute. Hugs to you all during this time.*

Monnica K - April 22, 2021 at 07:56 AM

CR

*So BEAUTIFUL ❤️❤️❤️❤️👍👍👍 LOVE YOU KIDS*

Crystal - April 22, 2021 at 08:07 AM

TV

*My mamma oh how I will miss you more than you ever know*

tara vanluven - April 22, 2021 at 09:07 AM

TA

💔💔🙏 beautiful mom and grandma. My heart is broken 💔💔

tasha - April 22, 2021 at 10:22 AM

CR

“ I'll never forget when we lived on pearl st just a few houses away the kids and my kids would be at my house or my kids at your house they were always playing or just hanging out. GREAT MEMORUES OF THOSE TIMES. I WILL SURELY MISS YOU till we meet again RIP always and keep watching over tara tasha tia and Trevor and the grand babies. LOVE YOU my friend

Crystal - April 22, 2021 at 07:43 PM



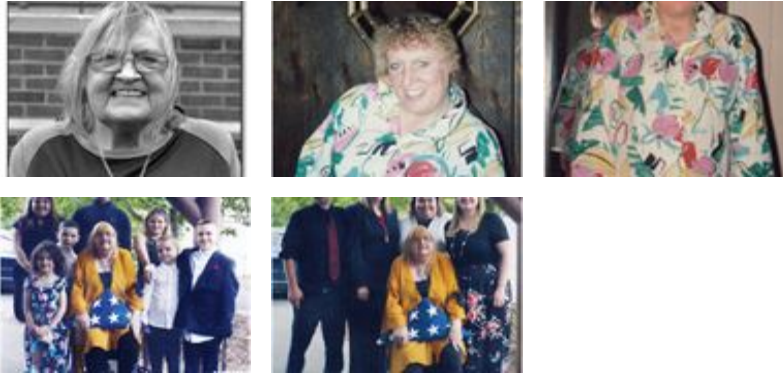
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Joan Gilding.



April 22, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ 40 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 21, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ To the Gilding Family...I didn't know your mother that well but both of my boys (Nic and Ben Kimble) went to Weymouth elementary school with you so I got to know her through being a parent in the classroom. I always will remember what a kind soul she was and always had a smile or a kind word to share. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

Laura Cooper - April 20, 2021 at 07:56 PM



Thank you! I went to school with nic many years together.

tasha - April 21, 2021 at 01:35 AM



“ Nicholas Wilson, Erin and Bree Wilson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Joan Gilding.



Nicholas Wilson, Erin and Bree Wilson - April 20, 2021 at 02:14 PM

JM

“ riding to VA with her and grandpa 🙄

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jensen mccrimmon - April 19, 2021 at 09:35 PM

JM

“ I remeber when I was like 9 I woild always play catch with her :(

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jensen mccrimmon - April 19, 2021 at 06:45 PM