



Mrs. Mary Shutts Gilmore

September 18, 1928 - December 20, 2015

Mary Shutts Gilmore, 87 of Merrill died Sunday, December 20, 2015 at CVPH Medical Center. She was born in Merrill, NY on September 18, 1928; the daughter of Maurice and Rose (King) Shutts and lived her whole life in the hamlet of Merrill.

Mary was a woman of the earth and loved all God's creations great and small. She was an avid outdoors woman; enjoying fishing, hunting and gardening. To her, there wasn't anything better than drowning a worm in Chateaugay Lake and drinking a beer with one of her sisters.

She attended grade school at the one room schoolhouse in Merrill and transferred to Lyon Mountain High School. Forced to leave high school to care for her ailing mother, she later obtained her GED. She was always very proud of this accomplishment. When most of her children were in school, so was she.

Mary was an avid bowler and was a member of the Chateaugay Women's Bowling Association, the Malone Women's Bowling Association and the Quebec Bowlers Club. She also spent many years teaching the sport to the youth of Merrill. Most Saturday's from September through April, you could find Mary with a station wagon full of kids on their way to the bowling alley. She also assisted in the coaching of the sport for Ellenburg Central School.

Always a hard worker, Mary held several jobs over her lifetime. Some of these jobs included stable hand, short order cook, waitress, cleaning camps, picking potatoes, child care, hand laster at local slipper factories and retired as

Bindery Supervisor from The Northeast Group, Plattsburgh.

On May 5, 1951 she married of love of her life, Norman "Tiny" Gilmore in St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain. He predeceased her on July 21, 2002.

Together, they raised a family of 8 children. This was her most cherished "job". This is where she did her greatest work. Teaching them about life and how to handle adversity with strength and dignity.

In addition to her husband, Mary was predeceased by her parents; two brothers, Lester and Robert Shutts; three sisters, Carolyn Duval, Helen Parent and Rachel Klinski and one son-in law, Larry Garrow.

She is survived by her 8 children and spouses; Bruce (Diane) Shutts, Paul (Amanda) Gilmore, Cynthia Gilmore, Brenda (Matthew) Brown all of Merrill; and Cecilia Garrow of Plattsburgh, Roger Gilmore of Malone, MaryRita Gilmore and Linda (Alfred) Kalvaitis of West Chazy. Grandchildren; Stacey LaMountain, Bruce Shutts II, Rebecca Corral, Nicole O'Connell, Jacob Garrow, Amy Frederick, Matthew Gilmore, Emily Gilmore, Corey Connors, Travis Connors, Jamie Gilmore, Shae LaPorte, Nathan Gilmore, Ashley Ryan and Katy Brown. 18 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 22 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 23 in the funeral home chapel. Entombment will take place at Whispering Maples Memorial Gardens, Ellenburg Depot.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Lyon Mountain Fire Department or to the family to use at their discretion

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with Mary at Econoprint around 1980. She was a hard worker and mentor to many. She will be missed.*

Steve Goodman - August 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM

SP

“ *my sympathy to the whole family. Aunt Mary will be greatly missed. I remember each spring, she and y mom (Carolyn)could not wait till they could fish the bull head. Off they would go with poles, pail and what ever they chose to have t keep them warm that night. Some nights neither could remember how they got home. They both really enjoyed their "bottle of beer". God bless and rest in piece.*

SUSAN dUVAL pOMERANTZ - August 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM

CC

“ *Linda, I am very sorry about your mother's passing. Think of you often and hope that you and your family are well.*

Carla Cahill - August 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM

JS

“ To the family of Mary,

I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I still have many memories of going bowling on Saturday mornings with your mom in Chateaugay. She was our bowling coach and taught us a lot about the sport. I had the good fortune to see Mary in yet another bowling alley in Plattsburgh this past year. I was watching my grandson bowl and she was there with Cecelia. She still remembered who I was after all these years, still sharp as ever. Prayers are with all of you and your mom. Take care and God bless,
Jo-Ann Shusda

Jo-Ann Shusda` - August 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM

LA

“ So sorry about you're loss

Larry Alphonso - August 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM

KM

“ To Ceil, Mary-Rita, Amy & Family: I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing - I remember the many bowling tournaments bowling against the Chateaugay Girls. She was a sweetheart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Kenna & Ken La Mora - August 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM

SE

“ Brenda&family
I am so sorry for your loss.
My deepest sympathy.
Sandy

Sandy Edwards - August 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM