



## Elizabeth "Betty" Gildow

May 24, 1929 - January 2, 2021

Elizabeth "Betty" J. (Christ) Gildow, age 91, of Zanesville, died 7:35 PM, Saturday, January 2, 2021, at Genesis Morrison House Hospice in Zanesville. She was born Friday, May 24, 1929, in Cleveland, OH, the daughter of J. Karl Christ and Mabel (Swingle) Christ. She was married on Saturday, June 21, 1947, to Fredrick Gildow who preceded her in death on Monday, January 10, 2005.

Together they raised five children: Frederick "Fred" (Viqui) Gildow, Jr., Ellen (Mark) Rucker, Kenneth "Ken" Gildow (Tracy Fancelli), Linda (Joe) Rocca and Karen Davis (Thad Andrews); 13 grandchildren: Doug (Liyu) Gildow, Nick (Josie) Gildow, Marie (Shane Irvin) Gildow, Wendi (Mark) Decker, Karen Rucker, Brad Rucker, Lindsay Rucker, Kristen (Tom) Shutt, Tony (Anna) Rocca, Andrea Rocca, Emily Rocca, Casey Street, Corey (Amber) Street, and Wesley (Desiree Barnes) Davis; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Jean Halttunen.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Jim (Harriett) Christ, Ed (Dorothy) Crist, and Charlie (Evelyn) Christ; brother-in-law, Ed Halttunen; and 5 sisters: Mary (Fred) DeWerth, Gertrude Christ Benedict, Agnes (Dorr) Park, Eileen (David) Jack, and Margaret Christ. Betty was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and retired from Muskingum County Clerk of Courts where she worked as a deputy clerk. Betty was previously involved with the Muskingum County Women's Republican Club, Legal Secretaries Association, and a chapter of the Ohio Child

Conservation League.

Betty was an avid sea shell collector, kept every card she ever received, wrote down every memory, lived on candy, cookies, coffee and loved with her whole heart. She was feisty to the end.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)), Brookdale-Zanesville Senior Living, 1575 Bowers Lane, Zanesville, OH, 43701, or a charity of choice.

Friends may call from 11 AM to 12 PM on Friday, January 8, 2021, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 1020 East Main Street, Zanesville, where a Funeral Mass will follow at 12 Noon with Fr. Martin Ralko officiating. Burial will conclude in the Zanesville Memorial Park.

To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
925 Main St.  
Zanesville, OH

## Funeral Mass

JAN 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Nicholas Catholic Church  
925 Main St.  
Zanesville, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth "Betty" Gildow

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ Dear Gildow and Crist families,  
I grew up at 1646 Hoge Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio from 1950 to 1963. Gildow's lived same side of street, north of us, with Besser's house in between. Son "Freddie" was about my age, and I felt very privileged when he selected me to be a "battle buddy" up on the back porch, where we could throw apples( or whatever we threw down on our fellow neighborhood children) in mock battles. Sometimes they got out-of-hand. Betty was kind but firm when that happened, so one felt, while being sent home, that I could always come back. I remember Ellen Jane too. I really missed the Gildow's when they moved! I am sorry for any suffering, and for your loss which I just learned about. My mom, Bernadine Gookins-Rust, 96, is at Helen Purcell Home, Zanesville.  
Sincerely,  
Aleta Jane Gookins-Smidt  
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PO Box 118  
Stephen, MN 56757  
3/20/2021

Aleta Smidt - March 20, 2021 at 10:49 PM

FI

“ Dear cousins Fred Jr., Ellen, Ken, Linda and Karen. Vicki and my thoughts and prayers along with my brothers families and our son and daughters families are sent to each of you. You will be celebrating Aunt Betty's life shortly and know she is resting in heaven with Uncle Fred. Our cousin Jan eloquently commented that all I can add is when Vicki, my mom and myself visited Aunt Betty in 2008 celebrating mom's 90th birthday. One night, we stayed in one bedroom and Aunt Betty and Mom were in the adjacent bedroom. Those two were in there sharing stories and giggling like little girls through out most of the night! I was able to visit Aunt Betty along with cousin Connie in 2019 and many of us afterwards got to enjoy ice cream at "Tom's". Love, Fred De Werth III

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**Fred De Werth III** - January 08, 2021 at 10:53 AM

EL

*Fred and family, thank you for your funny story. Aunt Mary rode with Mom and I to mourn Uncle Charlie. We had walked all over the place- I had a hard time keeping up with Mary. She and Connie found blackberries ripened and were eating them off the bush! It was nice to see last Fall! Thanks again! Ellen*

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**Ellen** - January 12, 2021 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ Dear cousins Fred, Ellen Jane, Ken, Linda and Karen, Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you. Aunt Betty was a wonderful woman who had a generous nature and the best laugh I've ever heard. One of my fondest memories goes back to Grandma and Grandpa Christ's house on the river in Zanesville. When our family visited, Art and I would race next door to your house to play. Aunt Betty was so welcoming. We were kids and had such fun with you, our cousins, the animals, and the abandoned truck in the back. Walking down to the store for candy was an adventure! I'm sure we made pests of ourselves, but she was always happy to offer hugs and cookies. Living with a "mountain" in your backyard and a huge river in the front was a wonderful and exciting place to visit. I miss those days. Aunt Betty and Uncle Fred will stay in my cherished memories forever. Love, Jan (Halttunen) Bedwell

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**Jan Halttunen Bedwell** - January 08, 2021 at 09:54 AM

EL

Jan, those are some of my favorite memories, too! That old red truck! Ha! Only Aunt Jean here! Grandma has all the rest of her family. I am sure the owner of German's saw me getting candy or a soda quite often! Take care, Ellen

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**Ellen** - January 12, 2021 at 04:53 PM

CK

“ To the entire family, Betty was an energetic aunt with a big smile that she readily shared with us! She lived a very happy and productive life on this earth. She is now joined with those who passed, in Heaven-ready to be our guardian angel. She lives on through all her children and grandchildren. Prayers are with the family throughout this challenging time.

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**Carol Korman** - January 08, 2021 at 07:22 AM

EL

*Carol and family, thank you for the kind words. Mom was so full of energy! It was nice to see you all when you were in town to visit for Aunt Aggie! Things are different with Covid! It is nice to have Facebook to keep in touch. Ellen*

Ellen - January 12, 2021 at 05:04 PM

CK

“ *Carol Korman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Gildow*



Carol Korman - January 08, 2021 at 07:17 AM

MC

“ *Michele Cooper purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Gildow.*



Michele Cooper - January 07, 2021 at 02:17 PM

RT

“ *To the Rucker and Rocca families,*

*So sorry to hear about the death of your mother and grandmother. Thinking of you all today.*

Rob and Sue Thuma - January 07, 2021 at 10:49 AM

YD

“ Your friends at DHL purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Gildow.



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**Your friends at DHL** - January 06, 2021 at 08:45 AM

KG

“ Rest in peace, Betty. I enjoyed getting to know you in the Legal Secretaries Association as well as seeing you at the Clerk's Office. I have many great memories of those years. My sympathy to the family.  
Kathi Galloway

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**Kathi Galloway** - January 06, 2021 at 07:49 AM

RO

“ Kenny..May happy memories bring you comfort.Take care.

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**Rocky** - January 05, 2021 at 08:21 PM

KW

“ Ken sorry to hear about your mom. Remember talking to her when we were stationed in Perl harbour kenny wheeler

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**Kenny wheeler** - January 04, 2021 at 11:35 PM

MB

“ Ken and family, Was so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. May the wonderful memories of your time with her fill your heart with joy, replacing the grief you feel today and in the days to come. May God wrap His loving arms around you giving you peace and comfort. Our prayers will be lifted up for all of you. With sincere sympathy, Marti (nee Dickerson) Briggs

Marti Briggs - January 04, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Gildow.



January 04, 2021 at 07:55 PM

JG

“ Ken and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother.... Thoughts and prayers for all of you!! Julie Kilper Grubb



Julie Grubb - January 04, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Gildow.



January 04, 2021 at 04:00 PM