



Gayle Mae Laursen

May 24, 1928 - September 4, 2014

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RACINE - Gayle Mae (nee: Peterson) Laursen, 86, passed away on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints. She was born at St. Luke's Hospital in Racine on May 24, 1928, the daughter of the late Clarence and Mildred (nee: Foxwell) Peterson. Gayle attended Washington Park High School, Racine Vocational School, and Gateway Technical College. On June 13, 1945 she was united in marriage to Dale Laursen in Crown Point, Indiana. She had been employed at Western Publishing Company in various positions, from book binder to key punch operator to Leisure Home Parties assistant.

Gayle had been a longtime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. She was also a very active member of the Monday and Friday Card Clubs at the John Bryant and Humble Park Centers, as well as an avid member of the Potawatomi Fire Keeper's Club. Gayle enjoyed roller skating, bowling, dancing, and receiving collectible panda memorabilia. She loved recording tv programs, baking and cooking, especially her famous fudge - "the best".

Gayle is survived by her beloved husband of 69 years, Dale and their children, James (Pat) Laursen of Caledonia, Jacquelyn Laursen of Racine, Kathryn (Brian) Paine of Grants Pass, OR, and Wendy Davis of Pflugerville, TX; grandchildren, Teresa, Donald, Davendra, Angela, Jessica, April Lynn, Kory Justin, Davina, Eric and Kayla; nieces, Linda, Robin, and Elisa; nephews, Thomas, Richard, and Clarence Thomas. She is further survived by thirteen

great-grandchildren (another due next month), six great-great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, Donna Peterson, numerous other relatives and friends.

Gayle was preceded in death by her brother, Clarence Peterson.

An informal celebration of Gayle's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 13th, 2014 at the Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church, 625 College Ave, Racine, 53403, officiated by Reverend Doctor Tony Larsen.

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Those wishing to remember Gayle in a special way may make donations in her name to one's favorite charity.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church
625 College Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences go out to the entire Laursen family. I remember Mrs. Laursen to be a fun and bubbly lady and a very caring mother. I hope your memories of her will help you through this difficult time and ease your grieving, and soon bring smiles of joy she has brought you all through out her life.*

*David Ancinec
Mt. Pleasant WI*



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