

Theresa Gifford, 86, of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday (May 5, 2023), at her home.

She was born Dec. 5, 1936, in Bourbonnais, the daughter of Leo A. and Gladys Chantome Kyroutac. Theresa married Frederick D. Gifford Sr. on June 19, 1954, at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. He preceded her in death June 20, 2020.

Theresa had been employed at Maternity B.V.M. Rectory and also had worked at Arby's.

She was a member of Women of the Moose. Theresa taught crocheting at Kankakee Community College. She ran the concession stand at Slater Field for 20 years on a volunteer basis. She enjoyed completing puzzles and feeding her animals. Theresa was known for her homemade candy, especially turtles and caramel apples, that she had sold at Harvest Daze in Watseka for 43 years.

Theresa was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church, Bourbonnais.

Surviving are seven sons, David and Alyssa Gifford, of Bourbonnais, Fred Jr. and Robin Gifford, of Bradley, Mark and Patti Gifford, of Rome, N.Y., Donald and Denise Gifford, of Bartlett, Tenn., Bruce Gifford, of Bourbonnais, James and Karla Gifford, of Bourbonnais, and Daniel and Sherri Gifford, of Clifton; two daughters, Cynthia Gifford, of Bradley, and Marie Ozturk, of Bradley; one brother, James and Janice Kyroutac, of Bradley; two sisters-in-law, Pearl Kyroutac, of Terre Haute, Ind., and Theresa Kyroutac, of Bradley; one brother-in-law, Bob and Sheila Gifford, of Largo, Fla.; 31 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Miranda Gifford; two sisters, Mary Louise Bertrand and Cecile Lobue; and four brothers, Arthur Kyroutac, Richard Kyroutac, Paul Kyroutac and Donald Kyroutac.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, May 12, at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Interment will follow in Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Please sign her online guestbook at clancygernon.com.

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