

Lila Mae Gilbert was born in Wibaux, Montana on May 25, 1938, the daughter of Florence and Anton Kasalek. Lila was raised and educated in Wibaux, Montana where she became homecoming queen her senior year.

After working as a bank teller for two years, she entered and graduated from Dickinson State Teachers College in 1951. She was united in marriage to Everett Gilbert in Wibaux, Montana on June 4, 1961. The couple resided in several North Dakota towns as well as Priest River, Idaho before settling in Williston, North Dakota in 1980.

Lila was a teacher, hostess manager, child care provider, and a loving mother and homemaker. She was a dedicated mom to her four children. She was an accomplished seamstress and an excellent cook. Her hobbies were hiking, camping, and canning. She was a witty, determined, and loving mother and wife.

Lila is survived by her husband, Everett; her son, Jay (Teresa) Gilbert of Fort Bragg, NC; daughter, Bethany (David) Czepukaitis of Dover, DE; son, Dan (Shawn) McKenzie-Polk of Odessa, TX; son, Paul Gilbert of Williston, ND; five grandchildren, Keyton and Kelsey McKenzie-Polk, Zachary, Kimberly, and Olivia Czepukaitis; step grandson, Thomas Ferguson II; her mother, Florence; and her sister, Beatrice.

She was preceded in death by her father, Anton; sister, Lorraine; and brothers, Gary and Richard.

*In Loving Memory
Lila Mae Gilbert*



May 25, 1938 ~ October 14, 2009



When I Must Leave You

*I must leave you
for a little while
Please do not grieve
and shed wild tears.
And hug your sorrow to you
through the years,
But start out bravely
with a gallant smile-
For my sake and in my name
live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways,
Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never
be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you
in the sky!*

Helen Steiner Rice



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Date And Place Of Birth

May 25, 1938

Wibaux, Montana

Date and Place Of Death

October 14, 2009

Williston, North Dakota

Funeral Service

10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 21, 2009

New Hope Wesleyan Church

Williston, North Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Tom Karp

Musicians

Mike Jeffries ~ Pianist

Merna Patch & Amanda Johnson ~ Violin

David Czepukaitis ~ Trumpet

Mike Daniels ~ Vocalist

Casketbearers

David Czepukaitis

Dean Bender

Chad Bender

Paul Gilbert

Kirk Erdman

Interment

Riverview Cemetery

Williston, North Dakota

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with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website
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