



Marie Gilley Athey

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Marie Gilley Athey passed away on 6 May 2025 surrounded by her family.

Born on 21 April 1934 in Augusta, Maine to Edna May (Ellis) Gilley (d. 1970) and Wallace Oakes Gilley (d 1974) on the family farm on Churchill Road. She is predeceased by her husband, Samuel George Athey, Jr (d 1984). She is also predeceased by her siblings: Ethel M. Chadwick (1989; Harry; Hugh,1973); Kenneth O. Sr. (d. 2012; Aldrienne d. 2002); Wilfred N.(d.1964; Claire); and Chester C. Gilley (d. 2017; Ellen, d. 2019); son-in-law, Stephen R. Dooley (d. 2018) and stepsons, Samuel G. Athey, III (d. 1997) and Preston Athey (d. 2017).

After her years at the one-room schoolhouse on Churchill Road, Marie graduated from Cony High School in 1952. She was recruited by the Federal Government to work as secretary in Washington, D.C. Along with several classmates from Cony, Marie ventured to Washington. On one of her many bus trips back home to Maine in 1955, she met her husband, Sam, who was the driver. They went on to have three children together and lived in Falls Church, Virginia.

After returning to work after staying at home as long as possible, Marie became a legal secretary and then a paralegal. After her retirement in the mid 1990's, Marie moved to Ashburn, Virginia, where she was active in her community. She was known for her scrumptious Valentine's Day Teas —especially her delicious scones. Marie was an avid bowler. She bowled for over 20 years with her Wednesday Morning Ladies league, The Rolling Pins, at The Branch Bowling Alley in Leesburg, Virginia.

As is stated in her 1955 Cony High School yearbook, Marie was known (and always will be known) for her “sweet smile and sunny disposition.”

She is survived by her children: David Wallace Athey of Taylorstown, VA; Christopher Charles Athey (Lisa) of Ashburn, VA; and Carolyn Marie Dooley (partner, Gary) of Cumberland, RI. She is survived by 7 grandchildren, Annemarie of Antarctica; Carl (Erin) of London, England; and Samuel of Ithaca, New York; Jessica (partner, Brian) of Fallston, Maryland; and Elisabeth (partner,



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Justin) of Charles Town, WV; and Joseph (Shelley) of Austin, Texas and Stephanie (Levi) of North Attleboro, Massachusetts; and 4 great grandchildren, Lilly, Adam, and Lydia; and Quinn. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services will be held on 17 May 2025 at Loudoun Funeral Chapel at 11:00 a.m. for public visitation, followed by the funeral service at noon, with reception immediately following. Flowers are welcome; however, donations in her honor, as she requested, can be made to the National Kidney Foundation. Private burial will be family only at Columbia Gardens in Arlington, Virginia.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com.



Events

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Memorial Visitation

- Saturday**, May 17, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175



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Mike Gilley posted:

Our sincere condolences to you and yours in Marie's passing. Mike and Carla Gilley

May 19 at 10:26 AM



Randy And Anne Collins posted:

Chris, Lisa and Family: So sorry to hear about the passing of Marie. I met her many times over the years. She was always so pleasant and friendly. Chris and I played many years in a bluegrass band and she attended many of the shows. I am sorry that Anne and I will not be able to attend the service but send our love to everyone. RIP Marie.

May 16 at 11:24 AM



Richard And Cathleen (Gilley) Dunlap sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Athey family.



May 16 at 8:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Athey family.



May 15 at 6:45 AM



Doug Brennan posted:

Growing up with the Atheys in Falls Church, I have too many wonderful memories to count. Everyday was an adventure and Mom (Marie) was always there to welcome us home and listen to our stories. My heart goes out to my brothers Dave and Chris and my baby sister Carolyn. Love you all and always will. Doug Brennan

May 12 at 2:25 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Marie.



May 9 at 10:39 AM



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Jackie Barnes shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Marie was a treasure and I feel blessed to have been her friend. We bowled together, enjoyed talking about TV shows we were watching and books we were reading and enjoyed many lunches over the years. She was so loved and will be missed. This picture was taken this past December with Marie and the "Rolling Pins".



May 9 at 6:53 AM



Love, Larry And Kathy Spoth sent an Arrive in Style to the Athey family.



May 9 at 5:15 AM



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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Athey family.



May 8 at 4:57 PM



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EP

Eileen (Gilley) Hibbert -Penney posted:

Aunt Marie was the baby of the family, she will be solely missed. Back in 1970, visited with her and her family enjoyed the visit very much. Then there was a little later she came to Maine and we visited again and she saw her brother Chester and we all had a nice visit, so many memories, God bless you Aunt Marie

May 8 at 4:23 PM

KF

Kim And Bill Fortney posted:

Chris, Lisa, and Family—Marie was special beyond words. We started as neighbors, and then our Moms became great friends. Mary Martin adored Marie and her friendship. Please know that Bill and I are thinking of all of you with our sincere condolences and prayers. We are sending our love to each one of you! Cherish the memories and know how much she was treasured by many. God Bless, Kim and Bill Fortney

May 8 at 2:13 PM

KW

Kathryn M Webb shared a photo to the **Family photo** album.



May 8 at 2:09 PM

SA

Scott Athey posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Marie's passing. Cherish all of the wonderful memories. She lived a beautiful life. Praying for all of you. - Scott Athey

May 8 at 1:16 PM

CD

Cathleen Gilley Dunlap posted:

Aunt Marie was the "baby" in her family of five--three boys and two girls. She said the boys teased her mercilessly (including my father). I suspect that her sister (the oldest of the five children) protected her. While the Gilleys never had much money, they certainly made up for lack of wealth with an abundance of love. I will miss my dear aunt.

May 8 at 1:00 PM



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Linda Hall posted:

I bowled with Marie in Leesburg for almost 20 years! What an absolute delight she was! Peace be with you all!

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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