

# Jessica Olene Olson Gillette



Jessica O. Gillette, 79, of 17213 59th Ave., Chippewa Falls, town of Lafayette, died peacefully Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at Lakeside North Nursing and Rehabilitation in Chippewa Falls, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

She was born May 8, 1923, in Little Cedar, Iowa to Pearl (Pederson) and Bennie Olson. She married Roy "Bud" Gillette on Feb. 28, 1942, in DePere. They lived in the town of Lafayette and resided on Lake Wissota since their marriage.

Jessica worked at Presto Industries for a short time and then, in 1959, joined the staff at Chippewa Valley Technical College as the secretary at the Chippewa Falls Campus. She retired in 1988.

She was charter member of Chapter A of TTT, a member of Girl Scouts of America, Lake Wissota Garden Club, and her poker club. She and her husband were members of the Cadence Club, Saturday Night Supper Club, Elks Lodge, and First Presbyterian Church in Chippewa Falls. She volunteered at the Cook-Rutledge Mansion and St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls.

She is survived by: two children, Lynne (Ron) Krueger of Chippewa Falls, Scott (Cindy) Gillette of Eau Claire; two brothers, Robert (Audrey) Olson of Tucson, Ariz., Bennie (Cathy) Olson of Santa Barbara, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jennifer (Jeremy) Weigold of Chippewa Falls, Joyce (Ryan) Olson of Chippewa Falls, Kathryn (finance Ben Fornear) Krueger of Duluth, Minn., Melissa (Rev. Steve) Squires of Lowell, Mass., Tim Gillette of Eau Claire; three great-grandchildren, Gage Birkel, Chase Weigold, Jonah Olson; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Olson of Forest City, Iowa, Beverly Olson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; nieces; nephews; and other relatives and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by: her husband on April 13, 1989; her parents; one sister, Joy Grinnel; and two brothers, Cecil and Norville Olson.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 5, at the Mae Rowan Ecumenical Center of Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation in Chippewa Falls (next to St. Joseph's Hospital), with the Rev. Gerald Mann of Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation officiating, assisted by Jessica's cousin, the Rev. Russ Osnes of Forest City, Iowa, and the Rev. Barry Boyer of First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in Prairie View Cemetery, town of Hallie. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel in Chippewa Falls and one hour prior to the service Monday at the Mae Rowan Ecumenical Center.

Jessica especially enjoyed her grandchildren, gardening and yard work, playing cards, baking and cooking, and sitting around the fire at her home on Lake Wissota. She will be sadly missed by her family and her many friends.

Jessica's family would like to thank all the doctors, nurses, aides and chaplains who cared for her and especially Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation and St. Joseph's Hospice for their loving care.

Memorials in Jessica's memory may be directed to fourth floor at Lakeside North Nursing and Rehabilitation, the Mae Rowan Ecumenical Center, or St. Joseph's Hospice.

