



Gleta Estelene Rothrock

March 23, 1936 - October 28, 2021

Gleta Estelene (Gross) Rothrock, 85, of Monrovia, received her angel wings on Thursday, October 28, 2021. She was born in London, KY, on March 23, 1936, to the late Ophard and Allie “Elizabeth” (Walden) Gross.

Forced to make the northern trek during the great depression for a more prosperous life, Estelene’s family settled in Avon, where her father secured employment on a dairy farm. At the tender age of 9, her mother tragically lost her life in an accident, then she and her siblings moved in with their grandparents on the south side of Indianapolis. A proud 1954 graduate of Manual High School where she met her future husband and soulmate, Paul “Rocky” Rothrock, and the pair were married on October 22, 1960. The newlywed couple built their first home in Beech Grove, living there for 3 years until moving to their forever home in Monrovia.

A devoted and loving matriarch, Estelene always put her children’s needs first, opting to be a stay-at-home mom. Throughout the kid’s school years, she submersed herself in their extracurricular activities, including running Monrovia High School’s football camp. While she was the bookkeeper for Rocky’s business through the years, she worked part time for Morgan County’s Township Trustee office, before diving back into the workforce as a commercial seamstress at Vincent’s Furs for several years until retiring from Elan Furs in 2011.

With the heart of an athlete, and a competitive nature, Estelene enjoyed pitching horseshoes along with holding records in bowling. Crafty to the core, she held a talent for creating; sewing Barbie clothes, and constructing porcelain dolls, as well as Cabbage Patch dolls. Her true, free time passion was cards, spending her Friday nights playing with her friends. An avid reader, she was intelligent and worldly, possessing an innate ability for problem solving. Spunky, charismatic and charming, she had a smile that could light up a room. She loved to laugh and always saw the good side of any situation. She will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure to know her.

Along with her parents, Estelene was preceded in death by her husband Paul "Rocky" Rothrock and sister, Lucille Brownsing.

Survivors include his son Mark Rothrock of Monrovia; daughter Suzzie Borges (John Clevenger) of Bargersville; brother Kenneth Gross (Helen) of Indianapolis; grandchildren Matt, Bryan, Mic, Paul and Nathaniel; great grandchildren Hayden, Wiley and Lane; nieces Kimberly Felten (Michael) of Elmhurst and Myra Brownsing of Indianapolis, and nephew John Brownsing of Southport.

Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation on Thursday, November 4, 2021, from 4:30pm until 7pm at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, November 5, at 1pm, with an additional hour of calling held prior. Pastor Jim Shields will officiate and burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Estelene's memory, please search @MonroviaFuneralHome on social media or visit her tribute page at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

NOV 4. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gleta Estelene Rothrock.*



November 04, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gleta Estelene Rothrock.*



November 03, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *26 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - November 03, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ 125 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - November 03, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Gleta Estelene Rothrock*.



November 02, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Gleta Estelene Rothrock*.



November 02, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gleta Estelene Rothrock.*



November 01, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gleta Estelene Rothrock.*



November 01, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Oh I am so sorry Estelene was more like family to our family than a friend I'm sure they are glad for her to join the poker game they have going on.*

Paula Davis - October 31, 2021 at 02:12 AM