



Golda E. Combs

April 24, 1927 - July 12, 2015

Golda E. Combs, of Peoria Heights, formerly of Ghent, NY, passed away at 7:13pm, Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Cornerstone Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Peoria Heights.

She was born April 24, 1927 in Plainsfield, NY to John and Delia (Cleveland) Jordan. On August 10, 1945, she married Howard W. Combs in Warrensburg, NY; he preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving are 2 grandchildren, Tracy (Tom) Buzzell of Washington, IL and Dan (Joannie) Schneider of Belle Plaine, MN; 3 great-grandchildren, CJ & Logan Buzzell and Charlie Kern ; 3 step-grandchildren, Sidney(Nelson) Merritt, Kelly(Jim) Hatz, and Mike(Leana) Mabry and their families; son-in-law, Duane Mabry; and sister, Ruth (Richard) Leonard.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, four siblings and her daughter, Dana Mabry.

Golda worked as a bookkeeper for many years. She enjoyed an active retirement, teaching quilting as adult education classes and serving her community. She established and managed the Ghent Food Pantry to serve the town and surrounding areas. Golda also established the Ghent Medical Building in honor of her late husband, so the town could be served by physicians.

Inurnment will be at Ghent Union Cemetery in Ghent, NY. Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory, East Peoria is assisting the family.

Memorials may be made to the Ghent (New York, 12075) Food Pantry.

Cemetery Details

Ghent Union Cemetery
Ghent, NY

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Spent a lot of time with Dana and Golda growing up in Ghent! Golda always drove a Oldsmobile which felt like you were riding in a limo! She made my Wedding Dress and veil as well as my bridesmaids dresses and they were beautiful! She was a lovely lady, who was a friend to all in our community's! RIP!

Barbara Radley - July 22, 2015 at 11:33 AM

CG

“ Growing up in Ghent, we had the privilege of knowing this wonderful woman. She was always happy to see us walk in, and loved having us at her house. One of my most treasured memories was when she had made Dana's prom dress. She brought it out to show us, absolutely beautiful. I told myself that I could do that someday, and I did. She was an inspiration in many ways. RIP Golda, I'm sure you will have a cup of coffee with my Mom. Thanks for being you!



Carol (Moore) Goold - July 20, 2015 at 11:51 AM

AF

“ Growing up next door to Golda was a treat - she was like a second mother to us. Golda was a wonderful, generous, smart, funny woman. Golda always wanted to make a difference in someone else's life, and she certainly did that through her working so hard at opening and coordinating the food party in Ghent, building a doctor's office to serve the Ghent residents, and just giving of herself at every opportunity. I will always hold a special place in my heart for my neighbor who was so much more than that. God bless you, Golda.
Ann Gitto Flanagan



Ann Gitto Flanagan - July 20, 2015 at 06:50 AM

SS

“ Dan, Tracy and family, Thinking of you at this sad time. Please know that we are praying for your hearts to heal, with all the wonderful memories you have of your Grandmother.
Our love, Uncle Ron and Aunt Sandy

Sandra Schneider - July 17, 2015 at 08:39 AM

MH

“ I learned so much from golda, I think of her every time I make a quilt and when I ponder is this right and question something I hear her say Hiebeler just do it!

mary hiebeler - July 16, 2015 at 09:07 AM

GF

“ Golda was on the Board of Education in the local school district when I served as building principal. She always had the students as her focus and was a person of integrity. I thoroughly appreciated her support, her humor, and on occasion her words of advice. She was a true advocate for all children and a pillar of the community.

Gordon W. Fitting - July 16, 2015 at 06:00 AM

DS

Golda taught me the techniques of quilting and for that I am forever grateful! Through quilting I made special friends with a group of woman who are still an important part of my life. We became affectionately known as "Golda's Girls" We spent many hours at Golda's home quilting as well as at her camp. Her love for quilting, her quick wit, sense of humor and words of wisdom will never be forgotten. I too hear Golda's words when ever I'd question her expertise, "Don't question me! Just do it!" Love you Golda!!

Debra Spence - July 16, 2015 at 11:44 AM

MS

Golda taught me everything I know about quilting. I started off by taking her adult Ed classes at the Chatham School and then moving on to quilting at her house when she gave up the classes at the school. I enjoyed visiting with her and getting to know the quilters. I will never forget our evenings of quilting together and all that she taught me. When I had a little trouble piecing my quilt she would always say " just do it".

Mary Sacco

Mary Sacco - July 16, 2015 at 08:41 PM

SN

I too was one of "Golda's Girls" and learned the love of quilting through Golda. The time spent with Golda and our group were very special times and has given me many fond memories. She taught us to do things the right way and was never afraid to speak what was on her mind. I think "Just do it" is embedded in all of our minds, and I never knew at the time how beneficial those words would be. I hold a very special place in my heart for Golda.

Sandy Neefus - July 16, 2015 at 08:42 PM

PW

Another of "Golda's Girls" checking in. I think of her often and know she will be missed by many. She gave much to many people in the Ghent community and will be remembered fondly.

Peg Warner - July 17, 2015 at 10:39 AM