



Gisela Juliane Bly

May 21, 1925 - October 13, 2017

Gisela J. Bly, age 92, departed this world in a peaceful moment on Friday, October 13, 2017 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Elsterwerda, Germany on May 21, 1925 into the artistic family of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina Wuigk. In her youth she discovered her own creative abilities and attended art and textile post graduate schools in Berlin. World War II challenged her family as she lost her first husband Werner Kunkel, first born child Petra, sister Sigfride, brother Armin and her father. After re-settling in the American Army Zone near Frankfurt she married Sergeant Robert J. Bly. He later adopted her three children Peter, Corina and Angela.

In 1963, she relocated to the USA with her family which now included Stephan and Bobby Bly. In short order she opened her private Art Gallery in Mount Holly, NJ, where she painted and taught classes for 7 years. During that time another son, Douglas, was born and shortly after her husband Robert passed away.

Thereafter Gisela moved to Moorestown and established the Art Circle. One

of the highlights of her career was cofounding the Burlington County Art Guild with Robert Ransley in 1966.

Gisela was predeceased by her mother and sons Douglas and Bobby. Surviving her are children Peter Bly, Corina Wimberly (Leroy), Angela Pichichero and Stephan Bly, along with 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Family and friends are invited to attend the viewing on Friday, October 20th from 4pm to 7pm at the Perinchief Chapels located at 438 High Street in Mount Holly. A private Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 21st at Southside Baptist Church in Lumberton, NJ.

Interment will be held at Colestown Cemetery in Cherry Hill, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Burlington County Art Guild Annual Gisela J. Bly Juried Art Show c/o Carol Fitzpatrick PO Box 233 Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gisela Juliane Bly*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Gisela Juliane Bly*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Mrs. Bly was my first art teacher back in 1969-71. She was the biggest influence in my life. I became a graphic designer and continued my career as a fine artist in San Francisco. ❤️❤️❤️ I thank her every day for showing and supporting me in being who I am today*❤️❤️❤️ *Sonia Sanchez*

Sonia M. Sanchez - October 21, 2017 at 12:57 AM



“ *It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our dear friend Gisela.
Our deepest condolences go out to her family.
Gisela's passing has left a void in the lives of those who have known her.
With love and sympathy,
Carol & John Fitzpatrick*

Carol Fitzpatrick - October 20, 2017 at 11:31 AM

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“ I was privileged to get to know this remarkable woman. As I grew in her companionship my spirit has been deeply and positively changed.

Her stories as well as excerpts from her memoirs left an indelible imprint on my soul.

She freely shared her creative talents with the world with class and humility. And she did so as recently as this passed month with another successful Gisela Bly show.

She spoke of her family so regularly and lovingly, that I look forward to putting faces with the names today.

Also, the family I was lucky enough to get to know personally are truly a wonderful bunch.

I pray for them as they must feel an abyss-like void at this time.

I know the loss I'm feeling will be filled by a daily recalling of all she gave to me, by simply sharing her unique self with me these last months.

As I witnessed Mrs. Bly continuing her commitment to her students, I drew inspiration that will see me through the rest of my days.

I love you still and thank God for lending me all that you are, ok were. I'm a better person for knowing you. I can only hope I reciprocated while I had the opportunity.

I know you are enhancing your new home the way you enhanced everything you touched.

Dorothy Frisco Flood - October 20, 2017 at 11:19 AM

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“ *I shared my memory and it did not post. Waiting to see if it takes time or of I did it incorrectly. Love to the Bly family.*

Dorothy Frisco Flood - October 19, 2017 at 11:12 PM

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“ *Dear Bly family:*

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Johnson family - October 18, 2017 at 06:12 PM