



Addie Frances Gibson

August 16, 1928 - April 2, 2025

Addie Frances (Sloan) Gibson 97, of Scott Depot, WV passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 2, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston, WV with her son Frank by her side, who was always there for her over the years, especially during this last difficult year.

She was born August 16, 1928, in Hurricane, WV, to the late James Hansford (Hank) and Bessie Byrnside Sloan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ollie Sloan, who passed at age five, and her sister, Shirley (Sloan) Fogarty.

Addie was a 1946 Graduate of Saint Albans High School in Saint Albans, WV and married her high school sweetheart, Francis Okey Mann. They had three children together: Kandace "Kandy" Curl (Terry W) of California, Francis (Frank) Okey Mann Jr. (Brenda Kay) of Culloden, WV, and Jonathan B. Mann (Jody) of Clarksville. In addition to her children Addie is survived by her grandchildren: Amber Soon-Hee Curl, Tobias Ho-Chul Curl, Cory Curl (adopted while on military assignment in Korea), Christopher Robin Mann (Littia), Erin Yow (Eric), Branden and Michael Mann (Madison); and numerous great-grandchildren.

In 1969, after Addie and Okey went their separate ways, she became dedicated to her new job as Manager of the new music store on Main Street in

Hurricane and to getting Frank and Jon to their Rock 'n Roll band practices and engagements which she loved being a part of. It was at this time that she met the man who became the second love of her life, Dennis Gibson. They were married in 1974 but their joy was short lived as he passed shortly after.

During the process of grieving she rediscovered her passion for art and became a prolific painter of landscapes, seascapes and outdoor beauty. She was always creative in many ways such as sewing Dior designs, formal and everyday attire professionally as well as personally and creating amazing meals or baked treats that she loved to share with friends, family, neighbors, coworkers and anyone else she thought would enjoy it.

Addie was employed as Secretary to the Treasurer and later as an Accountant to the Putnam County Board of Education from which she retired in December 1991. She enjoyed traveling and visiting her children in Korea, Panama, California, Florida, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington, DC, as well as her beautiful state of West Virginia.

She will be missed. In accordance with her wishes there will be no public services.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV is honored to serve the Gibson family.

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?
And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides,
that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing. And when
you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb. And when
the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

~Kahlil Gibran's
"The Prophet"