



Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis

May 3, 1950 - February 9, 2022

Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis, age 71, passed away on February 9, 2022 after a lengthy illness in Bloomington, Indiana. She was born in Wakefield, Michigan on May 3, 1950 to the late Albert and Ruth Torkko.

Ardie is survived by her husband, Stanley Gembolis; her two daughters, Margo (Greg) Sacha and Molly (Paul) Johnson; her two grandchildren, Luke and Haylie Johnson; her brother Dale (Shirley) Torkko; foster brothers Dave Kokko and Gordon Kokko; sister-in-laws Judy (Chuck) Christenson, Barb (Dan) Miller and Jen Olivanti; brother-in-law Lou (Sheree) Gembolis; and several nephews, nieces and cousins. She is predeceased by her parents, Albert and Ruth Torkko, and her foster parents, Yalmer and Irene Kokko.

She received an Associates of Arts Degree from Gogebic Community College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Purdue University and a Master's Degree in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University. She was a nursery school teacher in Northwest Indiana where her daughters attended before becoming a first grade teacher. She retired as a first grade teacher from the Lincoln Elementary School located in Hammond, Indiana. After she retired she volunteered as a teacher's aide at the school where her grandchildren attended, Eagle Elementary School in Brownsburg, Indiana.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, ceramics and painting. She was a devoted

mother and grandmother and loved her family. She loved teaching nursery school and especially first grade. Ardie was an avid Indianapolis Colts football fan. She was a member of the Lake County Retired Teachers Association and the Indianapolis Zoo.

The visitation will be held at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN 47401 on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 3:00PM until 7:00PM. The funeral service will be held on Thursday February 17, 2022 at 11:00AM, followed by cremation. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencare.com. Donations may be made to the IU Health Bloomington Hospice (812-353-9818, iuhealth.org/bloomington).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall

EC

“ Eileen and Mike Crowther purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.allencares.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.

Eileen and Mike Crowther - February 16, 2022 at 11:59 PM

BT

“ My sympathy to Stanley and family.

Barbara Tazbir - February 16, 2022 at 06:00 AM

BT

“ Barbara Tazbir lit a candle in memory of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis



Barbara Tazbir - February 16, 2022 at 05:57 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 16, 2022 at 12:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



February 15, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



February 15, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *With love for Ardie. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



With love for Ardie. - February 15, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Mrs. Gembolis passing. I had her in 1st grade, she was one of my favorite teachers. I thought of her often throughout the years. Your family is in our prayers during this difficult time.*

Alexis Switzer - February 15, 2022 at 07:40 AM

HJ

“ We were privileged to meet Ardie in Finland in spring 2014, where she had ancestry (both Torkko and Kokko). She was so warm and kind-hearted person, we – me, my father Lauri and my son Kustaa - had a very lovely day and evening with her and Margo in Helsinki. Our warmest condolences to Ardie’s family and friends in the US. With our blessings and sympathies, Hanna Jaakkola & family, Helsinki, Finland and Lauri and Soili Jaakkola & family, Tervajoki, Finland



Hanna Jaakkola - February 15, 2022 at 02:59 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 14, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 14, 2022 at 10:44 PM

MH

“ *Marianne Haslam purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



Marianne Haslam - February 14, 2022 at 10:42 PM

KF

“ *Kathy and Bruce Dahm and family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



Kathy and Bruce Dahm and family - February 14, 2022 at 06:43 PM

LS

“ *Love, Becky, Deb, Dennis, and Sandy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



Love, Becky, Deb, Dennis, and Sandy - February 14, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



February 14, 2022 at 12:51 PM

JB

“ John and Sue Biel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



John and Sue Biel - February 14, 2022 at 12:34 PM

JR

“ Ardie was a Lincoln school friend. Our common bond was our two daughters. We were always comparing notes. She loved my ham salad sandwiches! Retirement sent us our separate ways, but fond memories remained. Condolences!

Judy Rouse - February 14, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 14, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 13, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 13, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ Todd & Heidi Bagwell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



Todd & Heidi Bagwell - February 12, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 12, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ Linda, Jack, Larry, and Karen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



Linda, Jack, Larry, and Karen - February 11, 2022 at 08:14 PM

KA

“ Karen lit a candle in memory of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis



Karen - February 11, 2022 at 02:49 PM

TF

“ The Biondy Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



The Biondy Family - February 11, 2022 at 01:14 PM

AK

“ I only met Ardie 4 times that I remember. Such a lovely vivacious person!! She and I went shopping twice and she spoke highly of her son-in-laws, and how blessed her girls were to have married such fine men. We enjoyed just laughing and sharing family stories. Shoes, shoes---she loved to look at shoes--and not the normal plain shoes, but wild and crazy shoes and boots. She had amazing taste!! Ardie is now at peace and I pray her family will feel that peace as well.

Angie Kruszynski - February 11, 2022 at 09:04 AM

WE

“ Wendy lit a candle in memory of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis



Wendy - February 11, 2022 at 04:23 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 11, 2022 at 04:19 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



February 10, 2022 at 09:39 PM

CC

“ Celia Carvalho purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.



Celia Carvalho - February 10, 2022 at 06:24 PM

SA

“ *Shelley Abrams lit a candle in memory of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis*



Shelley Abrams - February 10, 2022 at 03:30 PM

SA

“ *Shelley & Michael Abrams purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Ardith (Ardie) Ruth Gembolis.*



Shelley & Michael Abrams - February 10, 2022 at 03:26 PM