



Thelma B. Naufel Gitlin

June 2, 1921 - May 31, 2019

Thelma B. Naufel Gitlin, age 97 of Moundsville, WV and Wheeling, WV, peacefully left this life, on Friday, May 31, 2019 at Wheeling Continuous Care Center.

She was born June 2, 1921 in Wheeling, WV the daughter of the late Beshar “Pete” and Rose Khoury Naufel.

Thelma attended St. Joseph’s Academy, and furthered her education at the College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati, OH where she received her music degree. She then took courses at Cincinnati’s Conservatory of Music; and voice lessons with Thelma Votipka, a member of Metropolitan Opera’s Staff and Norman O’Hara of NY, NY.

After returning to Wheeling, she studied under Helen Elbin of West Liberty State College, and taught school for Ohio County School System, at the now closed Webster and Clay Elementary Schools.

Thelma gave private voice lessons, and directed the choir at Simpson United Methodist Church, Moundsville for 45 years.

She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Thursday Music Club, AAUW, Tuesday Art Club, and Retired Teachers Association; and she was active in the Ohio Valley Chorale for many years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Saul P. Gitlin of Brooklyn, NY; and four sisters, Angela Heise, and Matilda “Tillie” Neuman, and twin sisters, Marsha Dellget and Marie Marsh.

Survivors include a son, Steven Gitlin, and his fiancé, Glenda Fedak of Ft.

Myers, FL; a daughter, Sharon (Greg) Yahnke of Wheeling; four grandchildren, Steven, II (Brandi) Gitlin, Ian (Jessie) Yahnke, Garrick (Christine) Yahnke, and Alana Burkle; seven great-grandchildren, Adalyn and Elayna Gitlin, Alexandra and Noah Yahnke, Jordan, Andrew and Ezekiel Burkle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Sunday from 2-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville.

Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be celebrated Monday at 10am at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 610 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville with Fr. That Son Ngoc Nguyen as celebrant.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charity of Donor's Choice.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Liturgy with Mass

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Moundsville, WV 26041

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thelma B. Naufel Gitlin*



Grisell Funeral Homes - May 31, 2019 at 07:58 PM

CD

What a great woman ❤️

Charlene Dvorcek - May 31, 2019 at 09:15 PM



Pamela
Thompson

Beautiful tribute to your Momma

Pamela Thompson - May 31, 2019 at 10:20 PM

VL

What a wonderful woman. She was such a nice lady, My condolences to your family in this time. God Bless her.

Vicki Lough - June 01, 2019 at 09:53 AM

DH

Mrs. Gitlin was a wonderful teacher but even more a special person. She was an inspiration to my siblings as well as myself. My best example of her kindness was with my older sister Becky. Becky was picked on in school . However Mrs Gitlin saw her beauty as well as her vocal talent. Mrs. Gitlin treated my sister like a princess. Thank you Mrs Gitlin for your endless kindness and caring.

Don Hardman - June 01, 2019 at 11:48 PM



One of my Favorite Teachers. Great Woman

Scott Ludolph - June 13, 2019 at 11:52 PM

VW

“ *I remember taking piano lessons with her what a wonderful soul. Prayers to the family 🙏*

Vannita Stradwick Wathen - February 10, 2020 at 07:41 PM

JL

“ *Mrs. Gitlin was my 4th grade music teacher at Webster School. I really liked her...some teachers are very, very special and she was one of them. My condolences to family and friends. Josetta Ludwig.*

Josetta Ludwig - June 07, 2019 at 12:33 AM

SD

“ *She was my music teacher in 6th grade at Webster school. I will miss you dearly..I never got to let you teach me to play a guitar.. I moved away a few years later and moved to Massillon, Ohio..Where I joined the Massillon Tiger Swing Band. But music always stayed with me...Thanks For being my music teacher..*

Sandra Lee Davis - June 02, 2019 at 04:30 PM

DG

“ *Saw one of Thelma's former students preform in the "Producers" on Broadway, and the same young lady preform in a "Chorus line" in Naples. Thought how proud Thelma and the young ladies parents must be. My Mother always enjoyed volunteering with Thelma at the hospital. Doug Gonzales, Naples FL*

Douglas L. Gonzales - June 02, 2019 at 04:11 PM

SA

“ *My prayers are with the family.*

Sara Jo Anderson - June 02, 2019 at 01:42 PM

LJ

“ *Thelma's Family,*

Thelma was a wonderful teacher and an inspiration to countless students and staff. We share in your loss.

H. Lawrence Jones, Ed.D.

Lawrence Jones - June 01, 2019 at 11:24 PM

PM

“ *Ms. Gitlin was one of my favorite teacher's. I will forever remember her useful teachings and guidance. My deepest sympathy to Steve, Sharon and the Gitlin family.*

Philo Montgomery - June 01, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - June 01, 2019 at 12:19 PM

RM

“ *Thelma was a very sweet and kind lady. I used to sing with her in the choir at SFX. I have thought about her often. Love and prayers to her family. May she rest in peace* 💜

Rebecca Moses - June 01, 2019 at 09:07 AM

DA

“ *My sincere and deepest condolences to the family and friends of Thelma. Denny Albaugh*

Dennis R Albaugh - June 01, 2019 at 08:00 AM

DM

“ *I remember this sweet lady when she volunteered at Reynolds Memorial Hospital!*

Diana Magers - June 01, 2019 at 07:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thelma B. Naufel Gitlin.*



May 31, 2019 at 10:46 PM

SK

“ *So sorry to hear this. My mom was in choral with her she was a very sweet person. She will be missed. Sending prayers to all of you.*



Sherry kitchen - May 31, 2019 at 07:36 PM

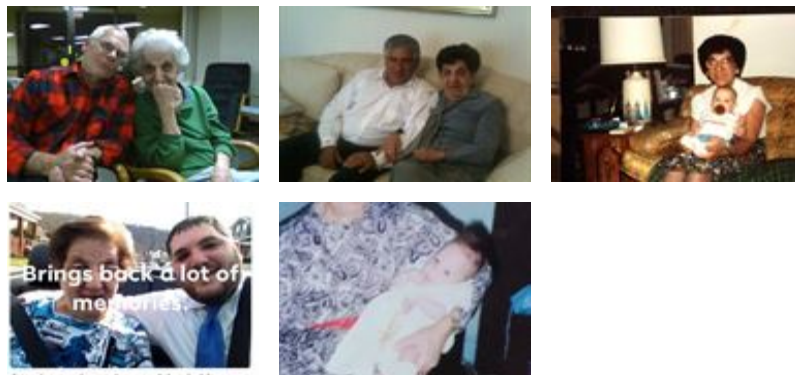
CV

“ Ms. Gitlin was a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend! She was my favorite teacher! Stern but kind to all. I use to sing my little heart out for her! I had the most up respect for her! Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. Until we meet again Falalala

Christine Vanek - May 31, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ 19 files added to the album Life Tributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - May 31, 2019 at 06:48 PM

CO

“ So very sorry to hear this. Mrs. Gitlin was my 7th and 8th grade teacher at Webster school. I remember her well. She was one of my favorite grade school teachers. She will be missed by many.

Cheryl O'Leary - May 31, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ kind and stern ,this fine woman was just what this young man needed at that time in his life....she will be missed by so many....

Ron Gibbons - May 31, 2019 at 04:59 PM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. *Thelma now joins the angels she has sang like for years.*
We will always remember her for sharing her love of music with us all.

Charlotte Berisford
Dance Dimensions

Charlotte Berisford - May 31, 2019 at 04:45 PM

PS

“ Steve,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother into her next life. She is singing to your father and continuing on without pain and suffering. I am thinking of you and your family with love and prayers.

Pam Parsons Swickard



Pam Parsons Swickard - May 31, 2019 at 04:36 PM

CR

I loved listening and watching her play piano and loved how she tried so hard to instill her love of music into us...she was a sweetheart...

Cindy Ruggiero - June 01, 2019 at 08:34 AM