



Gisela Sime

July 21, 1939 - January 18, 2024

Gisela Sime-a dedicated and loving mother of three daughters and a long-time resident of the community of Burnsville- passed away at the age of 84 on January 18, 2024. Gisela was born and raised in Frankfurt, Germany, and with much courage and strength moved from Germany to America in her early twenties.

She grew up during World War II and later recounted to her daughters the many trials and tribulations her family endured during that time. Her father was drafted into the army and was a prisoner in Russia for most of her childhood. Her mother had to bravely raise her three children alone. From all of her early teachings in school, she became fascinated with America and all it had to offer and was eager to learn English. During the war, she recalled the kindness of the American soldiers stationed there.

One in particular came to their neighborhood every week and told the children stories of America, bringing them food and shoes and other things they needed. They looked forward to his visit every week and waited outside for his arrival. They didn't know his name so called him "The Mister."

Gisela talked about him often. She always wished she knew how to find him to tell him how important he was to them during that time. She was so struck by his kindness; she never forgot him. Later in life she authored a book titled *The Mister* to talk about her life during that difficult time. She was proud of that

accomplishment and we, her daughters, were so proud of her.

Gisela had a smile that could light up a room and she loved to laugh. She loved being a mother and was so proud of her three daughters whom she also bravely raised on her own. She was kind, thoughtful, and an excellent listener to all that sought her advice and counsel. She had a special kindness and love for animals. She had many pets, most recently her best companion Shih Tzu, Benji, whom she loved dearly. He passed away a little under a year before she did-we hope they are together in peace now.

Gisela had a long career as a radiology transcriptionist and was honored to have been asked to transcribe medical books written by the physicians with whom she worked.

Gisela is survived by her three daughters Stephanie, Jennifer, and Erika Sime. She is preceded in death by her parents, Wilhelm and Lena Eisenbeiss; her sister, Gerti; and brother, Dieter. She missed them every day. Mom, you are dearly missed and forever in our hearts!!

A service will be held at a later date. Information will be shared when available.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann Lund lit a candle in memory of Gisela Sime*



Ann Lund - June 05, 2025 at 11:09 PM

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“ *Ani lit a candle in memory of Gisela Sime*



Ani - February 11, 2024 at 03:43 PM

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Thankful to have grown up with your example of compassion, listening and the love of laughter and community. You are already dearly missed.

Ani - February 11, 2024 at 03:44 PM

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“ *My dear sweet little friend Giesla. We shared so many wonderful times and so many laughs working together at our transcription jobs. Fly away and Benji will be there to greet you.*

Mitzi Lindquist - February 03, 2024 at 07:44 PM