



Mary E. Gerken

August 29, 1920 - July 27, 2011

Mary E. Gerken left us to be with the Lord on July,27, 2011. Mary was born on August 29, 1920 to Nettie Mosher, WW1 army nurse veteran, in Des Moines Iowa. She died peacefully at The Glendale, her home of 7 years. Mary was an extraordinary woman who raised four remarkable children after the death of her husband George E. Gerken Jr. in 1958. Mary, always a scholar, was the Valedictorian of her class at Perrysburg HS, a graduate of the former MaryManse College, where she was a Vice-President at the time it closed. She also held 2 master's degrees from the Univ. of Toledo. Mary was a scientist and lifelong educator. One of her earliest jobs was as a Chemist for Sun Oil. She taught chemistry at Sylvania H.S and St. Ursula Academy. and biology to nursing students at Mary Manse. She worked for OSHA protecting workers and later developed and taught the Industrial Hygiene programs at M.C.O and the Univ. of Toledo. Between her many careers, she also managed to do basic education with the Onieda Indian Tribe in Bemidji MN. Mary was a tireless volunteer to many organizations, participated in many citizen advocacy activities and spent countless hours working at the Ursuline Convent. She enjoyed her service as an Eucharist Minister at St. Pius X. Mary was preceded in death by her Husband George, her mother Nettie and granddaughter Kelly. She is survived by her children Cathy (David) McNeilly, George (Leslie) Gerken, Fran (Tom) Martone, and Pete (Polly) Gerken. Seventeen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. .The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10:30 AM Monday, August 1st at St. Pius X

Church where you may visit after 10 AM The family will receive friends from 2-7 PM Sunday, July 31 in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue where recitation of the Rosary will begin at 3 PM. Any tributes may be made in the form of contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ To Pete and Mary Gerken's family. Janet and I were so saddened to learn of your mothers death. We both have experienced parental losses and know the feelings of emptiness and grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Polly and the rest of your family members as you begin to heal from your loss by remembering all of the truly good times you had together. Our deepest sympathies and continued best wishes for you and yours.

Janet and Chuck Krueger - idopr@bex.net idopr@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ 08/01/2011 I MET MARY ABOUT 10-12 YEARS AGO WHEN SHE LIVED AT THE HOPE MANOR. I MET HER THROUGH "V.O.I.C.E.S" WHERE SHE WAS PRESIDENT. I WILL NEVER FORGET HER. "SHE HAD A SMILE FOR EVERYONE A HEART AS GOOD AS GOLD, TO THOSE WHO KNOW AND LOVE HER, HER MEMORY WILL NEVER GROW OLD"

LOUISE TYLER - wordseeks18@yahoo.com wordseeks18@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ George, Pete and family, Our sincere condolences on the death of your mother, Mary. I was out of town and only recently learned of her untimely passing. She certainly was a wonderful mother and role model to others, ahead of her time in many respects. RIP Marty

Marty Mohler - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“Pete and Polly, the Damico Family is very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.

John Damico and Family - jdamico@ercerc.com jdamico@ercerc.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Deepest sympathy from the Ray and Mary Hunter Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Jane and Marty Hunter - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PP

“My sympathy to all of you. She was such a great lady. I visited with Meg at the Glendale where my Mother was her neighbor. We would share the Girl Scout salute. I was a proud member of Troop 57 at Rosary Cathedral. We shared our story with others of how we had our sleep over in the Cathedral basement. I know my Mother was there at heaven's gate to welcome her home. RIP, Meg! Patty

Pat (Rice) yancy-Felton - pyancy-felton@lourdes.edu pyancy-felton@lourdes.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“We, MMC alum, so loved the stories that Mary would tell about the OSHA job and the pretend patient at MCO. I never realized she had so many different occupations. Thank you for sharing her with us. The phoning she did for us was much appreciated.

MaryBeth Dibling Rumer,MMC - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *Mary (Oma) was truly a remarkable woman, I remember our many conversations in Arlington VA discussing OSHA issues that I dealt with at the US Capitol. Her insight helped me resolve countless issues. A true supporter of the arts, I had the pleasure of accompanying her to many theatrical productions in the DC area. You will be missed.*

Frederick Herrera - richerreradc@yahoo.com richerreradc@yahoo.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM