



Susan Jeanne Gerken

July 26, 1934 - July 17, 2010

Susan Jeanne Gerken, 75, of Toledo, Ohio passed away peacefully at the University of Toledo Medical Center on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Susan was born on July 26, 1934 to Arnold and Josephine (Sterling) Dale in a house in West Toledo- a neighborhood where she ultimately spent most of her life raising her family. She married William "Dutch" Gerken on June 16, 1953 at St. Catherine Church. Susan was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, devoted to her family and the extended families of all her six children. She was extremely proud to also be a mother to everyone who frequently visited at the family's life-long West Toledo residence. A devout fan and supporter of all her children's athletic events, Susan could frequently be seen following the teams from Longfellow, St. Francis de Sales High School, University of Toledo and the several neighborhood teams. She was involved in several organizations including Pilgrim Church, March of Dimes, Longfellow PTA, CCL and St. Francis de Sales Knights of the Round Table. In her later years she enjoyed the fellowship of her friends at Angels Landing. Susan was preceded in death by brothers Bud and Sterling Dale, sister Dorothy (Lund) Dale & granddaughter Megan Gerken. She is survived by her husband Dutch, sisters Lorna, Nancy and Donna; sons Jim (Kathy) of Dallas, TX, Thomas, Jay, Tim (Mary), David (Barb), and daughter Susan (Bob) LeBlevec of Vancouver, British Columbia; grandchildren Rory, Lucas, Gretchen, Sarah, Thomas Jr., William B., Emily, Ross, Darcy, Chelsea, Rebecca, Ian, Sean; great grandchild, Jacob as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other extended

family members. Friends and family may visit on Tuesday 4-8 and Wednesday 2-7 with a short service to follow at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 West Sylvania Avenue. Burial service will be private. A special thank you to many including Cam Smith, Franciscan Care Center, University of Toledo Medical Center, HCW, Inc. and the HCC Wolf Pack. Please view and share memories at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

K.

“ Our thoughts and wishes are with you and your family during this time Susan, and we wish you a peace, love and comfort for your heavy hearts.

K.W.Victoria - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Gerken Family; Aunt Lorna; Aunt Nancy and Aunt Donna, We are so sorry to hear about Aunt Susie. Our Love, thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with you all right now. Love, Leslie and Tom

Leslie Dale Brinson & Tom Brinson - leslieb43@gmail.com

leslieb43@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ When I first came to Toledo, I was 21 and knew no one. Sue became like a second mother to me. She fed me and took care of me when I was sick and gave me good advice on life. I really enjoyed working with her children and being friends with Sue and Dutch. I will miss her dearly and never forget her.

Ray Grombacher - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ To the Sue Gerken Family, Dutch, How can we tell you how sad we were, to have been told today of Sue's passing this past weekend. Our deepest condolences and sympathy, to you and all of the "Gerken" Family. Sue was a very kind, loving, and sincere person, that we have known for many years. It was a honor to have known her and been a friend of hers. We first meant Sue and Dutch thru St. Francis de Sales High School, when our (3) boys started going there in the mid 1990's. After our boys graduated from SFS, we still kept in touch with Sue & Dutch thru the many athletic sport programs thru the school until today. We hope that you and the "Gerken" Family, find peace and confort in the many memories that were shared with Sue. If we can be of any help in the future to your family, please let us know. God now has Sue in his loving arms, and you should know that she will be secure and at peace in his arms, waiting for you to join her someday. God Bless All Of You & and in the name of St. Francis..PEACE. Love, The Struble Family-Toledo, Ohio

Jim & Jan Struble - jimrstruble@yahoo.com jimrstruble@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will be praying for you and your family.

Annie Singleton - curlee826@yahoo.com curlee826@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ We will always remember the neighborhood parties. Also, our son and your boys playing together. Please convey our sympathy to all the family.

**Nancy & Bob Nachtman - www.windyacresfarm@wcnet.org
www.windyacresfarm@wcnet.org** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Friends and Family, How sad I am for you to feel this devastating loss. It is a hole that can only be filled by your storehouse of wonderful memories. How lucky you all are to have had a mother all your lives. How blessed am I to have your Aunt Nancy and to have all of you as my extended family coming from my loss at such an early age. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will see you Wednesday at her Memorial Service.

Diana Garno - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM