



Mrs. Edwina (Winnie) Gerger

July 19, 1928 - August 30, 2022

Mrs. Edwina H. (Winnie) Gerger
Gladwin, Michigan

Loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at the Horizon Senior Living in Gladwin, Michigan. She passed 29 years to the day that her husband, Joe had passed. Winnie was 94 years old. A former resident of Saginaw, Edwina Helen (Vassaw) Gerger was born on July 19, 1928, in Flint, Michigan, to the late Edward and Alexina (nee Tickler) Vassaw. She was married to Joseph Carl Gerger on July 24, 1948, in Saginaw, where he predeceased her on August 30, 1993. Their union was blessed with six children, two of whom have predeceased her, son, Joseph J. Gerger predeceased on October 12, 2012, and her daughter, Sue Nowicki predeceased on March 22, 2020. Those surviving Winnie are her daughters and their spouses, Kathy (Bruce) Kackley, Sarasota, FL, Joellen (Doug) McKindles, Owensboro, KY, Beth (Herb) Casey, Saginaw, MI, Jennifer (Rev. Jim) Krach, Bradenton, FL, and her son-in-law, Warren Nowicki, Saginaw, MI; 18 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren. Winnie was also predeceased by her sisters, Evelyn Vassaw and Joyce Nemeskal.

Winnie's enjoyed being a salesperson at Stroebel's Gifts for many years, where she made numerous friends. She was a member of Saint Dominic

Catholic Parish (Sts. Peter and Paul Site).

In accordance with Winnie's wishes, cremation will take place. Her private memorial service will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Freeland, Michigan. Winnie will be laid to rest next to her husband Joe, in St. Andrew Cemetery, Saginaw Twp., Michigan at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Sue Nowicki Scholarship Fund at Northwood University or to Compassus Hospice.

Memories and sympathies of Winnie may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Andrew Cemetery

381 Saint Andrews Road
Saginaw, MI 48638

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Edwina (Winnie) Gerger*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Mrs. Edwina (Winnie) Gerger*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *What a privilege it was to know Winnie. She was truly a woman of God.*

August Laesch - September 11, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *To Beth and her family during this hard time. Your mom was a very beautiful lady. I know she will be missed. May Our God wrap his arms around you and comfort your family!*

Beverly Sanchez - September 06, 2022 at 01:03 PM



“ *My condolences to the Gerger family*

Greg Revard - September 05, 2022 at 04:18 PM

SN

“ I first met Winnie when she welcomed me into her home for Thanksgiving dinner. She was my brother Warren's mother-in-law and when I came to spend the holiday with him he brought me along as a guest. It was the first of many Thanksgivings I spent with Winnie and her family. She welcomed me and all the other "at-Large" folks who needed a place to go with open arms and a cheerful attitude. Hours of interesting discussions around the table after dinner were wonderful to be part of. The next day, which was Black Friday, were often spent with Winnie at Stroebel's stocking up on gifts and holiday decorations. She was always so helpful. I will be forever grateful for her kindness and generosity during all those years. She will be greatly missed.

Susan Nowicki - September 03, 2022 at 07:19 PM

SH

“ Such a heartache to learn of Winnie's passing. I was fortunate to have this beautiful lady in my life for many, many years. The news of Winnie's passing hurt more than the passing of my own parents. A wonderful communicator, cheerful, active, Christian, this self-assured lady brightened the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know her. Memories: Winnie coming to our home, on North Charles, planting flowers in our front yard for an entire afternoon (without being asked to help); helping plant flowers on the corner of her home on Division and Elm (Winnie planted flowers there every single year wanting to contribute to keeping the neighborhood beautiful); the absolute wonderful meals she prepared for family and friends; the way she made guests feel exceptionally welcomed when coming to visit; Winnie and Joe coming to visit, in North Carolina, while a hurricane was coming up the coast, and then driving inland to avoid the hurricane - the hurricane followed them as they drove inland (I remember Joe not being especially fond of hurricane's); coffee and conversation at the breakfast nook in her kitchen every morning; her cheerful laugh and infectious smile; the marvelous family she (and Joe) raised - I could go on and on and on!!!! Heaven has gained a truly magnificent lady - How calming, peaceful, and beautiful is it that Winnie passed 29 years, to the day, of Joe's passing - Without a doubt, a true blessing from God!!!! Sincere condolences to Winnie's family, and to all who knew her. While Winnie's passing is painful, her laugh and smile and her, from the heart, honest, continuous cheerfulness is a blessing we will never forget. Much love to you, Winnie. Steve.

Stephen Huebsch - September 03, 2022 at 04:01 PM

DM

“ Winnie was a delight to know. We loved her spirit and her kindness. We especially loved that she wanted to "tan" and get a tattoo in her 80's! She was an example of how to live and love.

Debbie and Mark Meyer - September 03, 2022 at 12:02 PM

NS

“ It was a blessing to know and grow up with the Gerger Girls. Im so very sorry for your loss of your Mom. She was a very special lady. Our deepest sympathy to the Gerger Family.
Nancy and Jerry Sefcik and the Naples Family

Nancy A Sefcik - September 03, 2022 at 09:19 AM

CH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Winnie passing. We were neighbors for 15 years, and she was the sweetest lady ever. My daughter and her granddaughter played at her house constantly, and my daughter adored Winnie. She was a very kind and loving lady.

Chelli Harless - September 03, 2022 at 08:41 AM

LC

“ I had the pleasure of being her neighbor. For 50 years I enjoyed her popcorn balls!! My girls grew up fretting over her. I'm sad to hear of her passing. Oh the memories.....

Laura Clark - September 02, 2022 at 08:36 PM

PR

“ I have many beautiful memories of growing up and spending time at the Gerger house. Mrs Gerger was a beautiful, strong, and very talented lady. May she rest in peace in God's loving arms.

Prudence Risch - September 02, 2022 at 06:29 PM

NS

“ We were sad to hear about Aunt Winnie. She was my Godmother and such a kind, sweet person. We enjoyed our visit with her and her daughters this summer. What a special life she had and a special family. She will be always in our prayers. Tom and Nancy Gerger Schiestel.

Nancy Gerger Schiestel - September 02, 2022 at 04:55 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear about Aunt Winnie. She was a beautiful, sweet lady. My prayers are with you. Janine Gerger Maddock

Janine Maddock - September 02, 2022 at 03:55 PM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss. One of my fondest teen memories is cutting rock candy as Winnie poured it out. The smell of each flavor would fill the room. I always felt honored that I was allowed to share in that tradition. Thank you Winnie (and Joellen). My thoughts are with you all.

Janet Maki - September 02, 2022 at 03:07 PM

VE

“ The Popcorn Ball ILady !!! Our Smith family will forever remember her yummy treat for Halloween . Rest In Peace sweet Winni

veronicasmith - September 02, 2022 at 12:39 PM