



Mrs. Geraldine A. Townsend

February 15, 1927 - October 1, 2022

Mrs. Gerry A. Townsend
Saginaw Twp., Michigan

Gerry passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at the age of 95 years. Geraldine Ann Hutfilz was born on February 15, 1927, in Hemlock, MI, to the late Walter and Elsie (Stroebe) Hutfilz. She married H. James Townsend on April 21, 1951. Jim predeceased her on November 18, 2002, along with their son, Jan, on January 11, 1972.

Prior to her retirement, Gerry had owned and operated Action Collection Bureau for 15 years. She was a charter member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Carrollton, a life member of Germania Country Club and VFW (1859), Lions Club of Carrollton, Opti-Mrs., American Legion (439), Saginaw Valley Antique Society and LFA. Back in the day, she loved bowling, playing bingo, playing cards at the farm, and up until her death rooting for her longest love of the Detroit Tigers.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Terri (Tom) Nelson, Saginaw; three grandchildren, Tom (Christy) Nelson, Jr., Linwood, and their children, Steven (Rachael, and their son, Abel), Kyleigh, Garrett and Carsen; Matthew (Jill) Nelson, Bay City, and their children, Avery and James; Mindi Schember, Saginaw, and her son, Luke; her brother, James (Patti) Hutfilz, Greenville; and

many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her special granddog, Molly; her sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Arnie Grueber.

The family would like to give a Thank You to Nicole and Mary, her hospice nurses, who were there with her up until the end; along with her special friends, Doris and Deb.

The Celebration of Gerry's Life will be held 11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 6, 2022, at Messiah Lutheran Church 4140 N. Michigan, Saginaw. The Rev. Philip DeVries will officiate. Entombment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave. on Wednesday, October 5th, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In honor of Gerry, please join us in your casual or Detroit Tigers apparel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Messiah Lutheran Church. Memories and sympathies of Gerry may be shared with the family on her memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum

950 N. Center Road
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Visitation

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Messiah Lutheran Church
4640 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI

Funeral Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

OCT **6**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“Gerry was a good friend of my good friend's Lorraine and Gerry H. They played cards. They tried to teach me the penny game but I don't know if I got it. Some good memories and stories with them. I liked how Gerry was "spicy". She didn't hold back on her thoughts and I loved her telling of stories from the neighborhood and family.

janis Kilgore - October 07, 2022 at 11:27 PM

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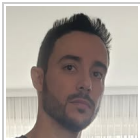
“Terri and family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I was humbled and thankful I was able to be present for the spunky Geraldine just weeks before I was present with her passing. Your family took me in like I had been a part of your it for the last 40 years! I will truly miss her sassiness and hearing all the crazy grandma stories. Know your are in my thoughts and prayers.
Mary Gallandt, hospice -RN

Mary gallandt - October 06, 2022 at 10:16 PM

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Thank you so much Mary, your kindness for my mom will forever be remembered...you made those last minutes of time for me and my family so incredibly easy to accept!❤️

Terri Nelson - October 14, 2022 at 11:19 PM



“She was a hartwarming peorson. Sweet and friendly. I will always remember her and Jim. My regards and feelings to the family.

Felipe Miguel F. Silva - October 05, 2022 at 09:50 AM

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*Thank you so much Felipe!
How are your mom and dad doing
Miss them!!*

Terri Nelson - December 08, 2022 at 10:40 PM

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“ *From Dow EntDel & LF Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Geraldine A. Townsend.*



From Dow EntDel & LF Team - October 04, 2022 at 10:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine A. Townsend.*



October 04, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine A. Townsend.*



October 04, 2022 at 05:06 PM

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“ I can remember when I was little they would go out bowling and then they would get home and sit in the driveway just chit-chattering away for hours at least it seemed like it I could hear the car running now she's up in heaven with Jim and my mom and dad and they're bowling or golfing or doing something up there I don't know I remember all the times going to Germania she will be missed

Julie (Steltzriede) Kreuzer - October 04, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ Many , many good memories of my dear friend Gerry---I could really make a large list--will really miss her, and all the computer research we did the last couple of years. Until we meet again Gerry.

Doris Braman - October 03, 2022 at 04:46 PM