



Beverly "Bev" Gerdes

February 6, 1954 - June 30, 2025

Beverly "Bev" Lynn Gerdes, 71, of McClure, OH, went home to the lord on Monday, June 30, 2025. She was born on February 6, 1954, in Delta, OH, to the late Kenneth and Esther (Wade) Gerdes.

She was a Member of Delta Methodist Church for many years with several areas of involvement. She spent a lot of her time helping the Ability Center of Greater Toledo as well as Defiance. Bev loved music. She was a talented singer, guitarist, and pianist. She enjoyed playing cards with friends and family. She had a passion for collecting gems and rocks and a talent for calligraphy. She enjoyed wildlife and loved to write. Best of all, she was the greatest friend and cared deeply for all those lucky enough to be in her life.

She is survived by her brother, Don (Judy) Gerdes; sister; several nieces and nephews; her best friends, Marilyn Verhelst, and Sherri Edgar; and Douglas Collins, who was like a son to Bev. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, William Gerdes.

Services will be held on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 1pm at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, McClure. A visitation will be held on the same day from 11am until the time of services. Interment will follow services at Hockman Cemetery, McClure. Memorial contributions can be made out to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Cincinnati. Online condolences may also be left with the family

at www.rodembergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Hockman Cemetery

100 Township HWY O4
Corner of County Road O4 and Township
Road 3A
McClure, OH 43534

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McClure Funeral Home
310 Frank Street
McClure, OH 43534
(419) 748-8011
help@rodenbergergray.com

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ *My condolences to her friends and family May she rest in peace.
Signed the daughter of her sister.*

Milissa Ford-Charter - July 06, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of
Beverly "Bev" Gerdes.*



July 02, 2025 at 10:01 PM

DB

“ *I'm so saddened by the passing of Bev. She was such an incredibly
kind person with a unique gift with words. I know she dearly missed
my mother, who passed 6 years ago and now she can reunite and
chat it up again. Rest in peace Bev, you sure are going to be
missed.*

Diana L Bakle - July 02, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DM

“ I’ll always remember Bev as a caring, selfless, fun person to be around. She was always encouraging and uplifting to all her friends. Funny, musically talented and oh so witty. She had a beautiful voice like Joni Mitchell. She and Stacy Todd and I would sit around singing songs that we knew and Bev would teach Stacy and I how to sing harmonies. One night we learned the Crosby Stills and Nash song “Find the Cost of Freedom “ and decided to try something. We walked down to a local bar next to my Dad’s pizza shop “Hello Pizza” and just walked in. We just started singing that song a cappella. People in there got quiet and looked When we finished singing, we just turned around and walked out. Mic-drop moment. We laughed at ourselves for that.

Another time we were playing Scrabble late at night and running out of steam and letters. We decided to take all the letters we had left and use them to make one big word on the board. We came up with. “Gradeiticyuque”. It became our code word for each other throughout the years.

Glad we all found the cost of freedom -self sacrifice. we all found that Jesus did that for us to show us how we should sacrifice for others, and now Bev is in heaven. She always sang like an angel - now she’s singing with them. I know she’s happy celebrating with her friends. We will join you in God’s time. Gradeiticyuque.

Doug Manley - July 02, 2025 at 10:20 AM

JG

Thanks for sharing your special memories, Doug. She always spoke fondly of the friendship you three shared.

Judi Gerdes - July 02, 2025 at 09:08 PM

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Pat Gerdes - July 03, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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Patricia Gerdes - July 03, 2025 at 07:54 PM