



H. Jean Gerken-Kahorski

May 17, 1933 - September 11, 2015

H. Jean (McMaster) Gerken-Kahorski

H. Jean Gerken-Kahorski, 82, of Bowling Green, Ohio and formerly of rural Deshler, Ohio died Friday morning, September 11, 2015 at Wood County Hospital, Bowling Green, Ohio.

She was born May 17, 1933 in Hancock County, Ohio to the late Howard McMaster and Hazel (Austermiller) McMaster-Gerken.

On May 17, 1953 she married James Gerken and he preceded her in death in 1963.

Jean was a Deshler High School graduate and worked for the Patrick Henry Schools for over 30 years. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler and the Women of the ELCA. She was a former 4-H Advisor for the Richfield Stars That Shine. She was a fantastic cook and loved fun gatherings with her family. She was adored as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, whom she showed unconditional love and encouragement.

She is survived by four children, Tim (Sarah) Gerken, Weston, Ohio; Terry (Susan) Gerken, Perrysburg, Ohio; Larry (Cindy) Gerken, Bowling Green; Tammy (Roger) Weirich, Deshler; 8 grandchildren, Timothy (Kelly) Gerken, Shannon Gerken, Ashley (Andrew) Shanks, Micah Weirich, Madalin Weirich, Selby Gerken, Akaicia Gerken, Quinn Gerken; 3 great grandchildren, Timothy Gerken, III, James Gerken, Bristol Shanks; two sisters, Beatrice (Paul) Wachter, Bowling Green; Sharon Sue McMaster-Smith, Deshler; and half-

sister, Judy McMaster Flory, Troy, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by grandson, Corbin Gerken and great grandchildren, Faith, Hope and Thomas Gerken.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Monday at St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler with Rev. James Wenger officiating. Graveside services will follow in Richfield Township Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials to Sufficient Grace Ministries.

www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Richfield Township Cemetery

Westhope, OH

Previous Events

Service

SEP 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler
St. Rt. 65 & Rd. G
Deshler, OH 43516

Tribute Wall

BH

“ All her friends at Wood Haven, and me, especially want to say how sad we are and we miss Jean SO much. We left her spot at the BINGO table empty to honor her. I understand she took her special cards with her. That is so like Jean. WE were disappointed we didn't get to tell her good-bye but I guess it was her wishes not to have visitation. I ate dinner with her every BINGO night and took her tomatoes every week and I was very fond of her. I know she's in a better place, but she will be missed terribly.

Beth Hayes

Beth Hayes - September 18, 2015 at 01:21 PM

BS

“ Tammy, I am sorry to hear about your mom. I wish I could have been at the service today. I will miss her. Surely glad I got to her party.

Barbara Schnabele - September 14, 2015 at 04:07 PM

MP

“ Mike And Sheri Plotts lit a candle in memory of H. Jean Gerken-Kahorski



Mike and Sheri Plotts - September 13, 2015 at 06:20 PM

PS

“ *Patty Sugg lit a candle in memory of H. Jean Gerken-Kahorski*




Patty Sugg - September 13, 2015 at 05:47 PM

JM

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless!*

Jane Mooney - September 13, 2015 at 10:41 AM

 Julia
Pierce

“ *My condolences to the family. My dad and Jean were an unbeatable team at euchure at Wood Haven the past few years. Having just lost my father on August 29th, heaven now has a great euchure team! God bless. My prayers are with you.*

Julia Pierce - September 12, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of H. Jean Gerken-Kahorski.*



September 12, 2015 at 10:52 AM