



Velma Gerken

February 28, 1927 - July 27, 2020

Velma D. Gerken, 93, of Napoleon, Ohio died peacefully on Monday, July 27, 2020 at Genacross – Napoleon Lutheran Home. She was born February 28, 1927 in Adams Twp., Defiance Co. to the late Carl and Erna (Bostelman) Baden. On April 11, 1948, she married Delbert C. Gerken and he preceded her in death on August 15, 2004.

Velma was a homemaker. She was a faithful member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Wauseon and donated time making quilts. She was very active in the Napoleon VFW along with her husband Delbert and she served as the President of the Ladies auxiliary from 1988-2013. She was also a member of Ridgeville American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and attending her grandchildren's sporting events.

She is survived by her children; Randy (Deb) Gerken, Elaine (Roger) Borstelman, Margaret Stubbs of Nebraska, Dennis Gerken, Gary Gerken, and Kevin Gerken; grandchildren; Jason, Andrew, Krista, Andrea, Katie, Matthew, Brianne, Brandon, Logan, Cole, Hunter, and Kaelyn; 22 great grandchildren; brother, Harlin (June) Baden, and sister-in-law, Mary Baden. She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Gerken; brother; Lawrence, and sister, Renetta Schneuker.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 30th at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Wauseon with visitation from 10-11 a.m. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Genacross of Napoleon, St. Luke Lutheran

Church, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Due to the current health conditions surrounding COVID-19, masks will be required to attend services or visitation in accordance with the State. Please also respect social distancing and make use of the website to contact the family if you are not feeling well.

Cemetery Details

St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery

1588 State Route 108
Wauseon, OH 43567

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
1588 State Route 108
Wauseon, OH 43567

Service

JUL **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ So sorry to hear of Velma's passing. She and Uncle Delbert left a fantastic legacy in the Gerken name with all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren! Cheryl Helberg

Cheryl Helberg - July 31, 2020 at 03:46 PM

AW

“ My deepest condolences to the Gerken family in your loss. May the peace of the Lord comfort you and fill you with His deepest love.

Alfred G. Wiederwohl - July 30, 2020 at 01:15 PM

PH

“ Randy and Deb,
My sympathy to you on the loss of your Mother...
-Pat Hoffman

PATRICIA HOFFMAN - July 29, 2020 at 08:41 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve Baden - July 29, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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Steve Baden - July 29, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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Steve Baden - July 29, 2020 at 01:34 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Aunt Velma



Steve Baden - July 29, 2020 at 01:22 PM

GF

“ Our hearts a prayers are with you. Velma and Delbert were wonderful people and were dedicated to their family, friends and the VFW. Velma will be missed by many.

*With sorrow,
Greg and Jodie Fortner
Jacksonville, FL*

Greg or Jodie Fortner - July 28, 2020 at 09:41 PM

BS

“ Sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bob Showman - July 28, 2020 at 06:23 AM

DJ

“ Our hearts & prayers are with each of you during this time of the loss of your mom. She left a wonderful legacy with her children & grandchildren!!!
In Christian Love, Jim & Deb Rohrs



Deb & Jim - July 27, 2020 at 07:22 PM