



## Peggy Gerring

March 10, 1922 - January 24, 2020

Peggy 'Ladyday' Gerring, 97, of South Boardman passed away January 24, 2020 at her home. Peggy was born in Kingston-Upon-Thames, England, on March 10, 1922 to the late William and Elizabeth (Hursey) Sylvester. At an early age Peggy learned how to knit, which would occupy many happy hours later in her life. She left school at the age of 14 to begin work in various occupations, including a spark plug factory, hospital laundry, pickle factory, and during World War II, at a munitions factory. Peggy met her future husband, Wendell Gerring in 1942 and they were married on December 4, 1943 at St. Peters Church in Kingston. In April of 1946, Peggy began her journey to the United States, with her 16 month old son Terry, crossing the Atlantic on the Queen Mary. Peggy and Wendell moved into their home on East Main Street which Wendell finished building in September of 1947, where she resided until her passing. As an early member of the South Boardman American Legion Auxiliary, Peggy helped with the numerous Thursday dinners, funeral luncheons, as well as filling the office of Chaplain. Peggy also served as a room mother at the South Boardman School. Peggy loved baking and sharing her baked goods, especially coconut cakes and no-bake cookies. She enjoyed bowling and rolling the dice at Bunco parties. Her passions included, a love of children, knitting, singing and letter writing. Her delight in singing began at an early age when she would sing to the boarders at her Grandmothers' boarding house in England. Throughout her life, singing brought much joy to herself, family and friends. Until the day before her passing Peggy was still singing her favorite songs, including a heartfelt rendition of "I Love you a Bushel and a Peck." Holidays were important to Peggy, especially Christmas. She often recollected her childhood Christmases in England where the present of a penny and an orange was common. Gift giving and providing for her family gave her great satisfaction. Each year she upheld her father's tradition of making the Christmas pudding. Peggy got into the spirit of Halloween, dressing up in costume and providing lots of candy. She certainly loved her sweets, particularly ice cream. In her later years Peggy spent many hours knitting hats and scarves and never missed an episode of Wheel of Fortune and Lawrence Welk. Peggy is survived by six sons, Terry, Allan (Evelyn), Brian (Brenda), Roy, Ross, Scot (Kim), all of South Boardman and two daughters, Maureen (Gordon) Sparks of Cadillac, and Loretta (Paul) Schaefer of South Boardman. She is also survived by numerous

grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Wendell in 1997, her brother George in 1940 and her granddaughter Jessica in 1993. The family would like to thank her grandson Todd for his kind attention during her final illness. Funeral services will be held at the South Boardman Methodist Church on Saturday, February 1, at 11:00, Minister Fred Jacko officiating, with visitation from 9:30-11:00. A luncheon will follow at the South Boardman Senior Center.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**                      09:30AM - 11:00AM

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South Boardman United Methodist Church  
5488 Dagle Street, South Boardman, MI, US, 49680

**FEB**   **Service**                                      11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Peggy's grandson Todd is my close friend of nearly 25 years. We met while attending college in in Ann Arbor. I met Peggy one time some years back, stopping by for a visit on our way to hiking in the U.P. Todd always spoke so kindly of his grandma and I could tell how close they were over all those years. I always enjoyed how he'd say he was going up north for holidays and tell me about all the fun and celebrations they'd have. I'm thankful he was at her side those last weeks and that they shared the connection they had. And love lives on . My thoughts and prayers to all the Gerring family and friends.

Joy - February 16 at 12:07 AM

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Wes - February 01 at 03:32 PM

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Wes - January 31 at 05:20 PM

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“ Mrs. Gerring was a regular customer of mine while I worked at Glen's aka Family Fare. She never had a bad word to say about anyone or anything. I never will forget the time she came in to the store and gifted my family and I each a beautiful scarf she had knitted. RIP sweet lady, you will be missed.

Carrie Scoby - January 29 at 02:31 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peggy Gerring.



January 29 at 01:44 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Peggy Gerring.



January 27 at 07:55 PM

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“ Aunt Peggy was one of the classiest of The Greatest Generation. Such a fun person! I enjoy wearing her Christmas stocking cap while hiking the hills here. I loved being reared in SB where the “friendship paths” on yards sometimes went cross lots between parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to share so much with each other. - - While singing funny sweet songs from the early 20th century was something many of us did during the 50's and 60's, her repertoire went waaay back before that. - - We were fortunate that she visited us on two of our trips back to SB in recent years and sang both with us and solo. - - She'd write quite often and remembered to send letters and cards (sometimes with song lyrics) to my kids as well on their birthdays. With us living so far away, I'm pleased they got to know her and she them. Aunt Peggy also had funny things to pass along to my Allen. He still “quakes in his boots” about her big stick! - - When I was a kid, I remember thinking how wonderful it would be to have eight children. Wow! Well, I'm glad you did. . Thanks for being my aunt and the matriarch. We'll miss you. There'll be blue skies over the White Cliffs of Dover. Love, Marilyn



Marilyn Graham - January 27 at 05:46 PM

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“ My mother inlaw was one of a kind. She had many names. She did not have a middle name so one name was "peggy none" another was "peg leg" and another as "Pegasus" the most well known one was Lady day. Which was given to her by her grandchildren, she would bounce them on her knee singing La Dee day Dee day. Soon she was known as Lady Day. She was sweet, loving and caring lady. She loved her family and always wanted them around her, so every Saturday night most of us would gather at her home and sit at the big dining table or in the summer sat around a campfire and talked laughed and joke about each other. It made her happy and content to have her family around her. When we sat in the dining room she would keep the curtain on the sliding door open so she could see who pulled into the driveway. Because my seat was next to hers she would always tell me my job was to close the curtain before I left for the night. She called me Mrs curtain. I will miss this woman with all of my heart. She touched all of us in a special way. I will keep closing the curtain Pegasus

**Brenda Gerring** - January 27 at 03:11 PM



“ A wonderful tribute, I enjoyed reading. What wonderful memories and I am sorry for your loss.

**Joy** - February 16 at 12:08 AM



“ Char Sallade, Nat Surovell, Betsy Sallade-Farina purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Peggy Gerring.



**Char Sallade, Nat Surovell, Betsy Sallade-Farina** - January 27 at 02:50 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing Peggy for 20 years of my life. She treated me like I was a grandson to her. We will miss her dearly.

**Dave Gonyer** - January 27 at 02:19 PM



“ Debbie purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Peggy Gerring.



**Debbie** - January 27 at 10:45 AM