



Helga I Gerring

March 11, 1925 - April 24, 2013

Helga I Gerring, 88, of South Boardman passed away peacefully April 24, 2013 at home with her loving family present.

Helga was born the youngest of six daughters on March 11, 1925 to Soren Mikle and Metha (Raven) Rolle of South Boardman. In January of 1944, Helga traveled by train from Chicago, where she worked as a telephone operator during WWII, to DeRiddler, LA to marry Glen W. Gerring. Helga and Glen observed their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary on January 14th at their home in South Boardman where they have lived for most of their lives.

Mrs. Gerring worked outside the home for many years until her children were grown. She especially enjoyed jobs that included loving and caring for young children. She was a sixty one year member of the Gardner-Neihardt Unit #463 American Legion Auxiliary, the Community of Christ Church in Traverse City, the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter # 189 in Manton, the Boardman Area Senior Citizens, and also attended the South Boardman United Methodist Church for many years.

Mrs. Gerring is survived by her husband Glen; daughters, Greta Sheffer Hall of South Boardman and Marilyn Graham of Sonora, CA; son-in-law, Elwin Hall; sister, Grace Wood of South Boardman; nephew, Robert Evers of Greencastle, IN; and sister -in-law, Peggy Gerring of South Boardman;

grandchildren, Michael Sheffer (Teri), Anne Sheffer, Gerrin Graham (Kristen), Hilary Graham, Brett Hall (Happiness), and Amber McGuigan (Jason); Great grandchildren, Aubrey, Soren-Mikel, Braedon and Eowyn Sheffer, Gemma Graham, Quentin, Roman and Hunter Porterfield, and Joshua and Caitlyn Hall; along with thirty nieces and nephews that called her Aunt Helga. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Elna Evers, Martha Hull, Agnes Galletti, and Helen Johnson, nephew Jack Evers, and her sons-in-law, Curtis Graham and Robert Sheffer.

Visitation will be held at Kalkaska Funeral Home (152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska) on Sunday, April 28th from 4pm until 8pm. The Funeral Service will take place on Monday, April 29th at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Kalkaska Funeral Home, with final visitation beginning at 10 AM. A luncheon will be held at the funeral home following the service. Burial will take place at Boardman Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Helga to the South Boardman United Methodist Church, the South Boardman Area Senior Center, or to a charity of your choice.

Please leave condolences and memories at Helga's online guestbook at www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

If you are unable to attend the funeral service for Mrs. Gerring, we will be streaming the funeral service live beginning at 10:45 AM at <http://new.livestream.com/accounts/1251028/events/2059614> Please note you will need to create a livestream account (free) or login using a facebook account. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at 231-258-3346.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Luncheon

APR **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Thinking of you Greta, Marilyn, Uncle Glen and all the precious family members who loved Aunt Helga as we did and will continue to love her in our hearts. She was all about family. I so much wish my family had had more opportunities to spend time with her and get to know her as I did - as my Aunt Helga. Love to all - Joel & Mary Johnston

Joel Johnston - May 06, 2013 at 11:36 PM

MG

Thank you Joel. I appreciate your kindness. Likely your mom and dad told you that they visited several days before Mom's death. At that point she was still able to get up with quite a bit of assistance and we took pictures of her with the family.

Perhaps I will see you again at some point. Don't know how often you get to MI, but we are going in July for just one week. Maybe in Washington some time. Allen has business there a couple times a year and Hilary is living in Lynden on a farm and doing an internship in Everson until October. Gerrin thinks she will settle in Washington. Time will tell.

Nice to hear a little of you family from your mom and dad - and nice to have them close to you for at least a good part of the year.

Marilyn Graham - May 11, 2013 at 07:12 PM

GG

“ Greta and Marilyn Your Mom would have been very proud of her girls today as you both did a wonderful job sharing all your precious memories and details of her life. Beautiful service and wish I could have stayed for the luncheon. God Bless you all

Gerisue (Peck) Gallagher

Gerisue Gallagher - April 29, 2013 at 07:56 PM

KR

“ We send our love to you all. Though we are far away, we are with you in spirit to remember Helga.
Love, Gerrin, Kristen and Gemma Graham

Kristen - April 29, 2013 at 09:53 AM

AF

“ I send my heartfelt condolences to the Gerring family. In particular Marilyn, Greta and Elwin.
Peace be with you.

Allen Silver



Allen Silver (family friend) - April 27, 2013 at 11:12 PM

BH

“ We will miss you, but know that you are in a better place and that your spirit will live on in each of our hearts!
- Brett and Happiness; Joshua and Caitlyn Hall

Brett Hall - April 26, 2013 at 03:20 PM

GE

“ Gary & Julie Evers lit a candle in memory of Helga I Gerring



Gary & Julie Evers - April 24, 2013 at 06:35 PM