



Helen Mae Gerber

October 20, 1912 - November 7, 2011

Helen Mae Gerber, 99 of Bluffton went to be with the Lord on Monday, November 7, 2011. Family and friends will forever remember Helen's kindness, thankfulness and hospitality. Her life was testimony of the transforming work of Christ. She was born in Adams County on October 20, 1912 to John A. and Katie (Steffen) Isch. She married Alvin R. Gerber in Wells County on June 16, 1940 and he preceded her in death on May 31, 1998. Helen attended Lancaster High School and as a junior was hired by Dr. Harold Caylor to work at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic. She was trained as a Registered Medical Technologist and spent many years working in their research center. After fifty years of service, she retired in 1978. Baptized on May 17, 1931, Helen was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church and lived most of her life in Wells County. She is survived by two daughters, Mary K. Gerber (husband: Leon) of Warren, Jeanne Rinkenberger (husband: Jim) of Bluffton; two sons, Jay Gerber (wife: Deb) of Bluffton, Mark Gerber (wife: Barb) of Bluffton; two brothers, Harry Isch of Bluffton, Roger Isch of Bluffton; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. Calling hours are 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Apostolic Christian Church East with Nile Bucher and Ed Schwartz officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Christian Care Retirement Community in honor of the excellent care that Helen received there. Online condolences may be made at

www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Visitation

NOV **11**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Ray Cemetery
1044 West State Road 124
Monroe, IN 46772

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Mae Gerber*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen Mae Gerber*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear: Gerber Family,

While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.

Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever...." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.

If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).

I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.

Sincerely Yours,

Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 11:53 AM



“ Not bad at all fellas and gaalls. Thanks.##imported-begin##Greta##imported-end##

November 21, 2011 at 11:42 AM



“ Praying that God will comfort you during this time. Helen was a very loving and kindhearted lady. What an example for all of us to follow. love brent ann gerber family.##imported-begin##brent ann gerber##imported-end##

November 14, 2011 at 07:53 PM



“ so sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure your mother will be missed dearly. The bible holds out a promise of "death being no more,neither suffering or out cry" I'm sure your mother read that...until then I hope your many memories make you smile.##imported-begin##M. Edwards##imported-end##

November 14, 2011 at 10:03 AM



“ I have fond memories of your mom and dad! I remember staying at their home with my parents, and I remember their special place in the lives of my grandparents, Joe and LaVina Dotterer. Helen was a special lady. Elaine Graf##imported-begin##Elaine Graf##imported-end##

November 10, 2011 at 10:57 PM



“ Sorry to hear that Aunt Helen has passed away; however, she is in a Wonderful Place with her Creator. 99 yrs. are many fond memories. I remember the singings, the meals, and even when we helped drywall the house.

Also, the one time Dale and Kenny R. picked up the backend of a VW and placed it up on the back porch. Crazy memories we have.

The best ones were of her kind deeds and words she had for all.

God bless you all during this time and in the close times ahead. He provides.##imported-begin##Derrell and Sue Steffen##imported-end##

November 10, 2011 at 10:17 PM



“ Mary K.,Jeanne,Jay,Mark and Family,
You have our sympathy in the loss of your mother. She was a kind, compassionate, and gracious person. Mother treasured their friendship and worked with Helen at the Clinic. It is earth's loss and heaven's gain. May God bless your family.

Phyllis Heiniger and

Cynthia (Heiniger)Knueve##imported-begin##Cynthia
(Heiniger)Knueve##imported-end##

November 10, 2011 at 09:42 PM



“ *Mary Kay and family,
I was so sorry to hear about your mother. You know she was my
inspiration to become a Medical Technologist. I will always
remember how she shared her journals with me.
She was so nice to all of us in high school. We had many good
times at your home.
My thoughts are with you at this sad time.
Janet###imported-begin##Janet (Hedges)Farmer###imported-end##*

November 10, 2011 at 05:41 PM



“ *Dear Gerber family,
Thank you so much for your faithfulness. All of you were truly a light
and an inspiration to me. Praying for all of you. Keep pressing on,
until we all meet again.###imported-begin##Eric
Craighead###imported-end##*

November 10, 2011 at 05:25 PM



“ *Dear Gerber Family,

What a gracious and Godly woman your Mother and Grandmother
was. She had such a beautiful gift of loving hospitality. Our family
will always treasure our fond memories of Helen and Alvin.

The Dennis Kaufmann Family###imported-begin##Dennis and
Bonnie Kaufmann###imported-end##*

November 10, 2011 at 03:04 PM



“ We send condolences to Helen's family. Our time with her and Alvin as neighbors was enriching in spirit and presence. Their family involvement gave evidence to their love and care of each child's life.##imported-begin##Ralph and Barbara Broman##imported-end##

November 10, 2011 at 09:05 AM



“ Dear Mary Kay, Jeannie, Jay and Mark,

*I will never forget your wonderful parents. My deepest sympathy in your mother's home going!! Heaven is rejoicing and I am sure she and your father are too!!
God bless. Karen Kipfer##imported-begin##Karen Kipfer##imported-end##*

November 09, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ Mary K,

*I have many fond memories of our activities at your home. Your Mother always treated each of us as if we were special. When we left your home I always felt blessed to have been a part of that visitation. May you, your loved ones, and your family find solice in this great loss.
Diana and Bill Stahl##imported-begin##William and Diana Stahl##imported-end##*

November 09, 2011 at 09:41 AM



“ Dear Gerber family,

You had a dear sweet mom! Such a nice visit we had with her when we came to see brother-in-law Walt. We're sorry not to be there with you now. Sun eve you could still talk with her, and Mon she went Home. So much like it was for our mom. Thank you Jim for calling to tell us. Love, Al & Martha Wiegand

November 09, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ Mary Kay, Jeanne, Jay, Mark & family: We are out of town and will miss Helen's calling and funeral. Please know that you are in our prayers and that we rejoice with her...

November 08, 2011 at 11:48 PM



“ My what fond memories I have of your folks when I was a girl and those good walnut cakes your mom used to make and bring to our house. So sorry for your loss.

November 08, 2011 at 09:28 PM



“ Dear Gerber Family,
We always referred to your mom and dad as "Uncle Alvin & Aunt Helen". They were a big part of our growing-up years. I remember our families visiting back and forth and what fun we had. I think our moms were each others' maid/matron of honor, and their friendship remained a big part of their lives. It's wonderful when we have that assurance that they have been called Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Even when they are 99 years old, they are still our mom, and the separation is still sharp and final. With love, Colin and Barb Gerst Wagenbach.##imported-begin##Colin and Barb (Gerst) Wagenbach##imported-end##

November 08, 2011 at 09:01 PM



“ We care and love you all.....Your mom and grandma left a huge legacy in our lives.....how we should live until Jesus comes back for us! Dave & Marcene##imported-begin##Dave and Marcene Gilliom##imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 07:33 PM