



M. Joan Gerber

October 21, 1927 - May 13, 2026

M. Joan Gerber, 98, of Bluffton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Joan was born on October 21, 1927, in Bluffton to Samuel H. and Ida Mae (Baumgartner) Gerber. She graduated from Kirkland Township High School. She worked her entire career as a medical transcriptionist at Caylor-Nickel Clinic. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years and was involved in various church activities. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews; David (Myra) Zoll of Bloomfield Hills, MI., Greg (Joan) Gerber and Gordon (Kathy) Gerber, all of Bluffton, Tim (Madelyn) Clark of Clarkston, MI., Tim (Marlise) Steffen of Bluffton and Dean (Mary) Lehman of Elkhart, IN., 15 great-nieces and great-nephews and many great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a stepmother, Lillian Sinn, and two sisters, Elizabeth "Libby" G. Steffen and Margaret Ann Gerber.

Visitation will take place from 12 P.M. until 2 P.M. on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the at Apostolic Christian Country Church.

A funeral service will be held at 2 P.M. on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Apostolic Christian Country Church in Vera Cruz with Chad Gerber and Jeff Lehman officiating. Burial will follow at Apostolic Christian Cemetery in Adams County. Memorials may be made to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery

2001 S 700 W-1
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Apostolic Christian Church
1970 South 800 East
Bluffton, IN 46714

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CG

“ I have wonderful memories of Joey! Great times in the young group . And the way she could always put a smile on my face by her fun loving actions and laughs. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Candy Gerber - May 21 at 12:10 AM

LM

“ I have lots of wonderful memories of "Joey" in the young group, church. Also working with her..She always had a smile and listening ears. Heaven has gained a True Sister in Him. Thoughts Love and Prayers to Family and Friends....Linda Mills (John)

Linda Mills - May 15 at 06:32 PM

CM

“ Joanie was one of the sweetest persons ever. She was like a “big sister” to me when growing up. She was generous and kind. And lots of fun. She would let me wear her shoes when I was little. Later, Joanie, would occasionally come and babysit for my own two babies. We loved her so much. One day we will meet again in Heaven. 🙌🏻😊😊😊😊😊😊

Carol Kaehr Meyer
Alto, Mi

Carol Meyer - May 15 at 02:10 PM

KA

“ I've known "Joey" for many years - vacations, etc. She was a joy to be around...always was upbeat. Even came to our wedding! May the family, whom she loved, have many precious memories of her. God's comfort.

Kathy - May 15 at 10:59 AM