



Geraldine C. "Gerry" Bowman

August 10, 1930 - August 13, 2021

Geraldine C. "Gerry" Bowman, 91, of Pleasant View Retirement Community, passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021. Born in Palmyra, she was the daughter of the late Ralph J. and Nellie (Evans) Cramer. Gerry was the wife of the late Martin F. "Buzz" Bowman who passed away on July 10, 2019.

Gerry graduated from the former Mount Joy High School class of 1948. Gerry was employed by Raub Supply and the Mushroom Transportation Company before spending 20 years with the School District of Lancaster. Gerry was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Joy where she served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. Gerry also served as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader.

Gerry enjoyed spending time with her family, watching the Phillies, traveling, going on walks, meeting new dog friends, genealogy, and admiring God's beauty in nature. Gerry was an avid crafter and enjoyed making dresses for her daughters and granddaughters. Above all, Gerry was a much loved mother, "Mamaw", and "Gigi."

Surviving are three children, Deborah, wife of Peter Cohen of Trenton, NJ, Lonnie Nolt of Lancaster and John Bowman, husband of Teresa of Brownstown; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a sister, Dorothy Cramer, a brother, Ralph Cramer, a granddaughter, April M. Nolt, and son in law, Larry E. Nolt.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Village Hospice, 98 Masonic Drive, Suite 101, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Tribute Wall

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“Gerry was one of the first smiling faces and most welcoming member of FPMJ from the first day we attended there. You could always count on her and Buzz to do almost anything asked of them and you could count on seeing them at all the events. Terry and I feel that it was a real pleasure knowing them and they were just real sweet down to earth folks. May the Lord bless each member of the family with fond memories.

Barbara Stephens - September 26, 2021 at 02:30 AM

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“Gerry and Buzz leave happy memories for me. They loved the FPMJ church family. They brought insightful and encouraging thoughts into our lives. I miss both of them.
Dave Busey

Dave Busey - September 07, 2021 at 02:33 PM

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“My parents, John and Alta Grosh, were at Pleasant View with Mr. and Mrs. Bowman. The Bowmans were so kind and welcoming to them and remained friends throughout their time there. After learning that my parents had lived in Mt. Joy, Mr. Bowman christened my father, "Mt. Joy" and sang it out every time they met. I am not sure that he actually remembered his real name. Mrs. Bowman was always so sweet and delightful. We loved to see them on their walks which took them by my parents' apartment. It was regular as clockwork. We called it the Bowman parade. I would tease Mrs. Bowman sometimes about her love for the Phillies. She left gatherings because the game was coming on. It seemed surprising that this dainty little lady loved sports. They were a lovely couple whom I admired and treasured.
Pam Grosh

Pamela Grosh - August 24, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“I am saddened by Aunt Gerry's passing. She was the last Bowman of her generation.
My sorrow is assuaged by the words of her granddaughter, Kari Nolt. Her tribute to her maternal grandmother brings me comfort. So does my faith that she is indeed hand-in-hand with Uncle Buzz listening to Louis Armstrong.

Tony Bowman - August 21, 2021 at 02:53 PM

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Dear Deb, Lonnie , and John,

As you know your mom and I worked side by side for eight years at Fulton ES and your mom was one of the kindest and most gentle person the staff and students had the opportunity to know. She cared about all of us, would help whenever needed, greeted us with a smile every morning even after her mile jog/walk before school...Ha! We all loved her and I know you and your families will miss her dearly. Peace...Dave and Rochelle Rentschler

dave Rentschler - August 22, 2021 at 01:46 PM