



Geraldine "Gerri" M. Stelk

February 21, 1937 - June 9, 2024

Geraldine "Gerri" Stelk, 87, of Grand Island, passed away on June 9, 2024 at CHI Health - St. Francis. Visitation and service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church. Visitation is on Wednesday, June 12th from 5-7 pm. The funeral service will be on Thursday, June 13th at 10:30 am with Reverend Steven Pellar officiating. Burial will follow the service at Westlawn Cemetery at 1:30 pm. Service will be livestreamed on Messiah Lutheran's facebook page. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Gerri was born on February 21, 1937 in Hastings, to Henry and Ruth (Kindig) Happold. She grew up on a farm by Doniphan, and attended District 53 and 19 schools. She graduated from Grand Island Senior High School in 1954. She had planned to go to California after graduation and live with an aunt, but she married Arthur Stelk at Messiah Lutheran Church on May 23, 1954. The couple moved to the farm south of Grand Island, and lived there for 37 years. Together they raised three daughters.

Gerri worked part-time at the Hall County Treasurer's office, Skagway, and Bosselman's office. She was also a book keeper at Ford Tractor Equipment dealership for many years, and served on the election board. Gerri was a lifetime member of Messiah Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School, and was a member of the Busy Dozen Extension Club.

In her spare time, Gerri was an avid reader, and enjoyed dancing, sewing, cooking, and oil painting.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 70 years, Arthur;

children, Jacalyn (Rod) Miller of Elkhorn, Christine (David) Middleton of Lincoln, Jolene (Keith) Harvey of Grand Island; grandchildren, Angela (Austin) Shoemaker, Brett Miller, Josh (Stacey) Middleton, Elizabeth Middleton, Amanda Buchfinck, John (Jordan) Harvey, Katie Harvey, Samantha (Taylor) Fleeman; and 13 great grandchildren with one more on the way.

Gerri was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Sonnia Christensen; and half- brother, Irven Benson.

Memorials are suggested to Messiah Lutheran Church or Hope Harbor.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Messiah Lutheran Church
7th and Locust St.
Grand Island, NE 68801

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Messiah Lutheran Church
7th and Locust St.
Grand Island, NE 68801

Burial

JUN 13. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Westlawn Memorial Park
3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Gerri at Bosselman's Corporate offices, she was so nice I really enjoyed working with her. Thoughts and Prayers are with her families

Trenna Edwards - June 13, 2024 at 09:22 AM

BA

“ Geri and I were in grade school and G. I. Senior High School together, both graduating in 1954. A lovely person, she will be missed.

Barbara (Petersen) Adams - June 12, 2024 at 02:51 PM

MH

“ Matthew H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine "Gerri" M. Stelk.

Matthew H. - June 11, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" M. Stelk.



June 11, 2024 at 03:03 PM

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“ From Kathleen Hanna, Andrew, Bethanne an purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" M. Stelk.



From Kathleen Hanna, Andrew, Bethanne an - June 11, 2024
at 12:36 PM

KD

“ Kristen and Andy DeMoss purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" M. Stelk.



Kristen and Andy DeMoss - June 11, 2024 at 07:51 AM