



Geraldine A Steffen

November 12, 1945 - February 26, 2025

Geraldine A. Steffen, affectionately known as “Geri”, age 79, of Ozark, Arkansas passed away peacefully, Wednesday, February 26, 2025 in Ozark. She was born November 12, 1945 in Aurora, Illinois to William Crosby and Jennie McDonald Crosby. Geri lived a life filled with love, faith, and devotion to her family. She was a cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She was a woman of strong faith who found great joy in attending church, where she built lasting connections with her community. Geri also enjoyed shopping, traveling on cross-country trips, and was a passionate fan of auto racing. However, her greatest joy came from spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, who were the light of her life.

Geri is preceded in death by her loving husband, Bernard Steffen; her daughter, Bernadine Steffen; and her parents, Jennie and William Crosby.

Geri is survived by her children, Vickie Steffen Tamura and husband David of Utah, Kathy Castillo and husband Enrique of California, Jennie Eshbach of Nevada, and Jacqueline Brown and husband Thomas of Kansas; one sister, Jeanette Ettel of Illinois; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and all of whom will miss her deeply.

Funeral service will be 10:00 A.M., Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Shaffer

Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark, with Brother David Valele officiating, with burial at Highland Cemetery, Highway 64 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Burial

MAR 15 (CT)

Highland Cemetery
Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am Geri's eldest daughter, Jacqueline (or Jac), and one of the strongest memories I have and that I remembered driving home from the memorial service is how much Mom loved each of her children and how proud she is of each of them as individual people. Her love is fierce, protective and proud.

I heard so many special stories from Mom about each one - that brought to life the reasons that made Mom so proud of Vickie, Kathy, Bernie and Jennie and I can tell you the stories behind all of those. Mom and I could talk for hours.

These weren't just general statements of "I'm so proud of my children" - they were unique and specific stories of things that each one did, examples of the resilience each one had demonstrated through their lives and how they had lived their lives demonstrating qualities that their Mom and Dad both valued and loved them for.

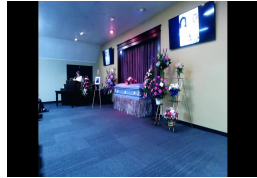
Mom and Ben raised very unique and wonderful people and Mom always shared how proud she was of each of them for who they are.



Jacqueline Brown - March 17, 2025 at 09:49 AM

BV

“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service*



Byron Lasater V - March 16, 2025 at 01:27 PM

BV

“ 1 file added to the album *Slideshow*



Byron Lasater V - March 16, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ *Prayers and comfort to the family and friends!!!!*



Buzy Bee Flowers And Gifts - March 15, 2025 at 09:13 AM

BG

“ *Barbra G lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Steffen*



Barbra G - March 14, 2025 at 10:14 PM

HP

“ *Mama Geri,
You will be greatly missed by all those who's
life's you touched. You all were like my
second family. I remember all those summer
days I spent at your home for sleepovers. I
remember enjoying all the snacks you had, hanging out with you
guys, and just being able to be kids and feel safe at your home.
Those are some of the best memories of my childhood!! Seriously I
can't count how many sleepovers I had at your home. Good times!
You were one of a kind that's for sure!! ❤️*



Hepzibeth Pardo - March 14, 2025 at 09:25 PM

JB

“ *So blessed to be in California for your birthday, celebrate Easter in
Kansas and to try and keep you and Aunt Barbara out of trouble on
those mobile carts!*

*I will miss our talks, and always remember your sense of humor,
your fierce love of family and the love you showed to all of us kids.
When you went to heaven a piece of my heart went with you.*



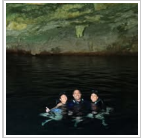
Jacqueline Brown - March 14, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Geraldine A Steffen.



March 13, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ What I will always remember about Geri, is how much she protected those she loved. She provided a safe place for me when I needed it most. I also remember going to the Speedway and going out to Vegas. I always felt like a member of the family. I will miss her sassy remarks and honesty. Geri, I know that you are in the presence of our Lord. You are no longer in pain. But I know I will see you again in His presence.
I will always love you.
Michelle

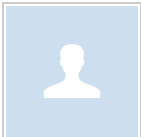
Michelle Solano Gutierrez - March 12, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Geraldine A Steffen.



March 11, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geraldine A Steffen.

March 11, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ I will miss you. Thanks for helping with our family tree. Forever in my heart.



Marci Moyer - March 11, 2025 at 01:02 PM

LG

“ Love your Valele grandkids purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Geraldine A Steffen.



Love your Valele grandkids - March 10, 2025 at 09:25 PM

RB

“ I did not know Mrs. Steffen however her tribute shared by your family was a pleasure to read. That she found great joy in her faith and her church family and her family is a testimony of the Gidly life she must have lead.
I pray for you the family for comfort from that same God she lived so faithfully for.

Ruthie Burkett - March 10, 2025 at 11:33 AM

VI

“ Now you are in Heaven together.



Vickie - March 10, 2025 at 01:36 AM

CA

“ Carrie lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Steffen



Carrie - March 09, 2025 at 10:43 PM

CA

“ You were there for me when I needed you most. I will always be thankful for the kindness and love you shared with me. Your favorite niece June bug.

Carrie - March 09, 2025 at 10:42 PM

LF

“ Love the Alfaro family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Geraldine A Steffen.



Love the Alfaro family. - March 09, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JE

“ Yard sales and auto racing

jennie eshbach - March 09, 2025 at 07:33 PM

VI

“ *Miss you Mom!*”



Vickie - March 09, 2025 at 07:19 PM