



Geraldine Rutherford

March 27, 1926 - May 23, 2020

Mrs. Geraldine Lynn (Bailey) Rutherford, 94, of Louisiana, MO, passed away on May 23, 2020 at her home with family by her side. A private graveside service for family will be held. No Visitation is scheduled.

Gerry was born on March 27, 1926 at home in Vernon Center, MN to Edward and Leona (Matteson) Bailey. She graduated from high school in Garden City, MN in 1944. Gerry went on to attend Northwest School of Medical Technology in Minneapolis, MN graduating in 1945.

In 1947 she rode the train from Vernon Center, MN to Louisiana, MO to start working at the Pike County Memorial Hospital as a Lab Technician. She retired from there 41 years later.

She met the love of her life, J. T. Rutherford of Louisiana, MO, on a riverboat ride. They married on June 29, 1949 at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Vernon Center, MN. Together they made Louisiana, MO their forever home.

She loved to travel. Gerry made many trips to MN to see family and friends. She especially loved her trips to the Holy Land, New York City, and the head waters of the Mississippi. Gerry was a strong community supporter and volunteered frequently. She was a faithful woman who wasn't afraid to speak her mind.

Gerry is survived by her sister in-law, Bernice "Toots" Bailey of Madelia, MN, nieces, Vickie (Dale) Wiederhoeft of Winnebago, MN, Karen (Dale) Lachmiller of Garden City, MN, and Laurie (Buck) Halverson of Blue Earth, MN, and several great, and great-great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Durwood and Richard Bailey of MN, and her husband and his parents of Louisiana, MO.

Gerry's family would like to thank everyone who gave her their love and support.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine Rutherford*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Geraldine Rutherford*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *I worked with her at the hospital great woman!!!*



Deb Skirvin - June 30, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Have many good memories of lunches with Gerry. She was a super lady and will be missed.*

Kay Connerd - May 31, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *My mom and I both worked with Geri at PCMH. She was excellent at her job and a wonderful lady. I remember when we would have to call her out on the night, JT always came too. She was a wonderful lady. Thoughts and prayers with her family. I learned a lot from her. Kim Sellers Ferguson.*

Kim Sellers Ferguson - May 28, 2020 at 12:16 PM

JS

“ *Jeri Smith lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Rutherford*



Jeri Smith - May 27, 2020 at 11:44 PM

JR

“ *Gerry was a lovely lady. Rip friend!!*



janet Reed - May 27, 2020 at 08:09 AM

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“ *Roger & Theresa Adams lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Rutherford*



Roger & Theresa Adams - May 26, 2020 at 06:32 PM