



Gerry Anderson

December 6, 1936 - May 1, 2025

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Gerry is preceded in death by her husband Dale, daughter Gale, parents Herman & Noreen Gunther, Brother John and several brother and sister in-laws.

Gerry is survived by children: Susan, Gordy (Marcia), Ed, Jean and Joe. 6 grandkids and 3 great-grand children. Also sister Mary, sister in law Mary Ruth (Glynn) brother in law Bruce (Sonia). And many nieces and nephews.

Gerry was born in Morris, Mn and when they moved to the Como Park area in St Paul she attended grade school at St Andrews and High School at St Agnes. She then went to Nursing school in Little Falls where she met her husband Dale, and got married in 1956.

Mom was a very busy lady in the prime of her life. She was an LPN and worked nights at Midway Hospital, usually in the cardiac care unit. When she would get home in the morning she would get 6 kids up and fed and off to school and then turning her attention to the laundry, dishes, changing bedsheets, constantly grocery shopping, and all the other things that go with being a wife, mom & homemaker. Then after supper she'd go to bed for a few hours, wake up and go to work to repeat it all over again.

For a few years they had a cabin on Lake Pokegama in Pine City so she had a second place to maintain. Opening it for the season wasn't one of her favorite things to do with getting rid of insects and rodents that wintered inside the trailer and then there was putting in the dreaded dock. Once that was all done she was able to enjoy the season!

One strong memory I have is she was pregnant with child #6 and it was a hot summer so she packed up the 5 of us and took us to the beach at lake Josephine. It seems like we were there most of the day and when it was time to leave she gathered us all up and all the towels, coolers and clothing. When we got to the car it had a flat tire! This was before cell phones but somehow she got a hold of my dad and we got to go back to the beach until he could come rescue her. She never showed any sign of anger or angst just resignation.

Mom welcomed many domestic and exotic animals into her home without a complaint about the extra work in vacuuming and laundry. She never verbally expressed a love for animals, but her actions sure showed it. We always had dogs, cats, rats, gerbils, hamsters, birds & bunny rabbits and as we got older, fostered young cougars, lions, Kinkajou's & Woolly monkeys. Then she did "Doggie Day Care" every weekday when the beloved "Goofy" moved with daughter Sue.

When the Grandma stage began she loved getting the grand-kids and taking them out and about on adventures. Unfortunately that stage didn't last as long as it should have. She had her Brain aneurysm August 22, 1993. She had 2 more aneurysms while still in the hospital and this resulted in being intubated much too long and she developed scar tissue in her vocal cords/throat so much so that she couldn't get enough air past the scar tissue so she had to have a permanent tracheostomy.

This was the start of 32 years of carrying a heavy cross and being dependent on others for everything, but again her acceptance of whatever life throws at her was no match for her strong faith which was a true lamp on hill for all to see. Her trust in Gods plan for her trumped any self pity, anger or despair that other people might fall into.

Smiling, always smiling Gerry! I never, ever heard her say anything bad about anyone! She loved everyone and everyone loved her, many considered her a "second mom".

Thank you Lord for blessing us, for borrowing us such a vessel of Love, to show us how it (love) is done.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth it always protects, always trust, always hopes, always perseveres.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, May 9th, 2025 at 11 AM with a visitation beginning at 10 AM at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1250 South Shore Dr., Forest Lake.

Graveside service will be Monday, May 12th 10 AM at the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial Masses preferred at the Catholic church of your choice or you may go to the the Marians web site (<https://forms.marian.org/mass/form/>).

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery - Little Falls

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church (Forest Lake)
1250 South Shore Drive
Forest Lake, MN 55025

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church (Forest Lake)
1250 South Shore Drive
Forest Lake, MN 55025

Graveside Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Mass of Christian Burial in memory of Gerry Anderson



Washburn-McReavy - May 08, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MA

“ 2 files added to the album Gerry Anderson



Mary - May 08, 2025 at 08:45 PM

DB

“ Derek B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Anderson.

Derek B. - May 07, 2025 at 09:19 PM

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“ Derek B. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gerry Anderson.



Derek B. - May 07, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gerry Anderson.*



May 07, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ *The Birkholz Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Gerry Anderson.*



The Birkholz Family - May 07, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ *God had his hand upon me when he lead me to care for Gerry and Susie. I learned beauty and grace watching Gerry and Susie. Gerry was so cheerful and full of smiles. We painted many pictures together, drank a lot of coffee and 3 mile walks. She loved eating my sweet peppers and banana foster oatmeal. Gerry will always be remembered in my heart. Miss you my friend, Linda*

Linda - May 06, 2025 at 10:40 PM

MA

“ My sister and I are 8 years apart, so Gerry wasn't a playmate to me but more of a mothering sister. I remember I had never had a birthday party (because those types of things were not important to my parents) and Gerry planned my one and only birthday party. By the time I was in high school Gerry was married, living in Little Falls and had children. Once Gerry and Dale moved to St. Paul we were very close and had play-dates with our children. Gerry was always positive, accepted her disability and had a smile. With love and memories forever, Mary

Mary - May 06, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ Sue, my deepest condolences on the loss of your dear mother. I am SO grateful I got to know her a tiny bit. She was a very remarkable woman who touched the lives of many, many people because of who she was and her strong Faith. Debra Eardley

Debra Eardley - May 05, 2025 at 03:21 PM

CE

Sue and family, our deepest sympathy on the loss of dear Geri. Your mother was a wonderful neighbor and will truly be missed.

Christine and Ed - May 05, 2025 at 04:13 PM

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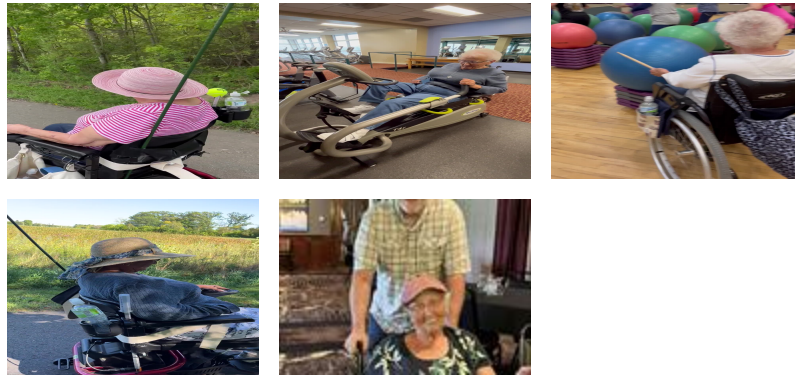
“To my dear Anderson family.... Mom was so special to me! From the time I was in school with Gale many years ago to our last trip we made a year ago together with you Sue to Little Falls she was always smiling and telling me how much she loved me. She put up with a lot when we were all young but through it all she remained kind and positive no matter what. She was and always will be one special Mom in my life. May she rest now until we all see her again someday.

Lorie Morris

Lorie Morris - May 05, 2025 at 03:02 PM

SU

“ 20 files added to the album Gerry Anderson



Sue - May 05, 2025 at 02:36 PM