



Geraldine Wilhelm

September 4, 1924 - January 5, 2015

Geraldine "Gerry" Wilhelm died at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colorado on January 5, 2015 at the age of 90.

A private service will be held for the family. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery.

Gerry was born on Sept. 4, 1924 in Champaign, Illinois, the daughter of Henry and Velma (Johnson) King. In her early teens she accepted Christ as her personal Savior at a Bible camp, and her faith was very important to her throughout her life. Her family eventually moved to Ottawa, Illinois where she graduated from High School. After attending Business School in the 1940's she worked for several years as a secretary. Gerry married her high school sweetheart, Robert "Bob" Wilhelm, on December 18, 1944 at Malden, Missouri where Bob had just finished his Army Air Force pilot's training. When her husband returned from serving overseas in World War II the couple settled in Ottawa, Illinois. After a few years, they built a home about 18 miles outside of Ottawa on a small piece of farmland where they lived until moving to Fort Collins in 1962.

Gerry was a devoted mother to her three children and an excellent homemaker. She was a selfless caregiver. She tirelessly cared for her aging mother who lived with her for many years until she died in 1995, and later for her brother until his death just six months ago. Gerry also loved her cats and

pampered them as only she could.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother, John King.

Gerry is survived by a son, John Wilhelm and his wife, Susan of Torrington, Wyoming; a daughter, Nancy Payne and her husband, Kyle Rawlings of Morrison, Colorado; another son, Mark Wilhelm and his wife, Colleen of Fort Collins; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

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“ Nancy and family ... so sorry to read of your Mom's passing. Hard to lose a mom! Hugs!
Milre Goodrich Henry

Milre Goodrich Henry - January 21, 2015 at 06:54 AM

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“ She was the greatest mom she put up with Johns rag tag wrestling buddy's a special lady for sure! Mitch Adkins

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“ My condolences to the family of this beautiful woman. I had the honor of taking care of her while she was in the hospital. I really enjoyed getting to know her in that little bit of time. I'm so sorry for her passing. Take good care of each other. Peace and love Dani RN

Dani Smith - January 07, 2015 at 11:38 AM