



Geraldine P. Denning

November 24, 1937 - August 19, 2013

Geraldine P. 'Gerry' Denning, 75, Akron, formerly of Chicago, Ill., passed away surrounded by her loving family and companion at 1:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, 2013, at her residence.

She was born Nov. 24, 1937, in Chicago, Ill., to parents John and Gladys (Wiggins) Speller.

Gerry worked at US Steel as a secretary and at Marshall Field's in Chicago.

She was a graduate of Bowen High School in 1955. Gerry and her companion Harold moved to Akron over 15 years ago. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, Moose Lodge of Rochester, and the Las Donas Club of Akron. Gerry was a collector of tea pots and always enjoyed her family, friends and traveling.

Survivors include her companion, Harold Johnson, Akron; two daughters, Annette Blackwell, Gary, and Janet Toman, Hainesville, Ill.; one son, Mark and wife Nicole Denning, Elmhurst, Ill.; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; twin brother, James and wife Dolores Speller, Springfield, Ill.; and sister, Ann and husband Leonard Derkowski, Pittsburg, Calif.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Mary.

Funeral service is at 7 p.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Jason See officiating.

Visitation is 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Additional visitation is 4-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at Elmwood Chapel, 11200 South Ewing Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Burial will be at a later date in Springfield, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice, Rochester.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Geraldine P. Denning



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Staff At Gentiva Hospice lit a candle in memory of Geraldine P. Denning



Staff at Gentiva Hospice - August 20, 2013 at 02:02 PM

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I will never forget and be forever grateful for the kindness and tenderness my sister received from all of the staff at Gentiva. You are all truly angels to me. She passed peacefully with a smile on her lips due to your wonderful care.

James P. Speller, Gerry's twin brother.

James Speller - August 27, 2013 at 10:15 PM

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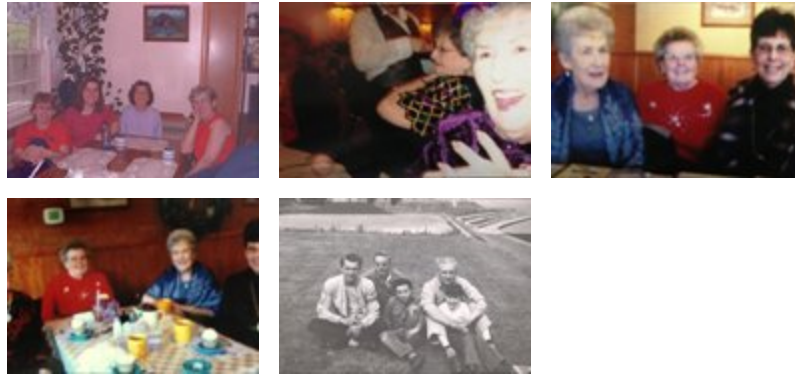
“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you mourn the loss of someone so very special to all who have known her. Gerry was a person you wanted to be around so you could enjoy her friendship.

Cheryl Soerensen

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“ Verna Oliver lit a candle in memory of Geraldine P. Denning



Verna Oliver - August 19, 2013 at 04:21 PM

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“ Gerry

I am going to miss seeing you and talking to you , you were the most caring and sweetest person I have met in a very long time, I pray that you will hear the " Angel's Song on your Heaven-Ly Journey", and that we will meet again someday!!

*Your friend
Verna Oliver*

Verna Oliver - August 19, 2013 at 04:19 PM