



## Geraldine "Gerrie" Heimlich

January 5, 1944 - October 18, 2021

Geraldine "Gerrie" Heimlich, age 77, of Manteno passed away Monday, October 18, 2021 at her home. She was born January 5, 1944 in Harvey, the daughter of George & Saverine "Sally" (Rosolowski) Freese. Gerrie married Tom M. Heimlich on August 15, 1964 in Harvey. He preceded her in death on December 30, 2005.

Gerrie was an excellent cook and hosted all the family holidays at her home. She loved Christmas and wished every day was Christmas. Gerrie made the best Christmas cookies. She followed all her grandchildren in their sporting events and was an amazing grandmother and their biggest fan. Gerrie was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan.

She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Ken & Roberta Heimlich of Manteno and Keith & Tiffany Heimlich of Elwood; six grandchildren, Tiffany (Adam) Toepper, Nick (Amanda) Chavez, Stefanie Chavez, Mason Heimlich, Ross Heimlich, and Noelle Heimlich; one sister, Dolores "Dolly" "Lardy" Roy; one sister-in-law, Joann Freese; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband, Thomas M. Heimlich, Geraldine is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, George Freese and Robert Freese.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Manteno.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 263-6287

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
291 N. Main St.  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EB

“ My deepest sympathy to Gerries family. Gerrie worked with my Mom at Home Town Nancy Coffey. We just loved Gerrie. Loved her home at Christmas. So beautiful!! I knew she was sick and I so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful lady!! ❤️ My thoughts and prayers be are with your family!! 🙏

Elizabeth Burns - December 08, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerrie" Heimlich.



October 22, 2021 at 06:13 PM



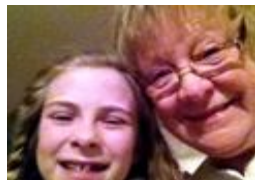
“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerrie" Heimlich.



October 22, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - October 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM

SR

“ *Good friend of both Tom and Geri in high school and for many years after. So very sorry for this sad news. Remembering all the good times. R.I.P.*

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**Sandra Toigo Sandona Rizzitiello** - October 21, 2021 at 03:20 PM

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“ *My husband attended Ascension School in Harvey with Gerrie and both of us attended Thornton High School in Harvey with her.*

*We got together at a high school reunion. We became a group of 5, 6, or 7 depending on who was around the area at the time. We met for lunch just before the pandemic restrictions where Gerrie talked about her hip surgery. Our last reunion, a month ago, we learned that Gerrie was not able to attend because she suffered from dementia.*

*Gerrie was a very kind and loving person. We were impressed by her Christmas house. She is and will continue be missed.*

*Dave and Sandra Ducat*

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**Dave Ducat** - October 20, 2021 at 11:06 PM

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“ *Neighbors for 25years, friends for 70 years, with this gal, fun times shopping in Harvey double dating, bridesmaid for each other ,cried together when she wrecked Tom's one day old sports cars maybe it was Tom that cried! Goodbye old friend.*

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**Lucie** - October 20, 2021 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Tonia And Louis Morez lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Gerrie" Heimlich*



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**Tonia and Louis Morez** - October 20, 2021 at 03:40 PM

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“ My aunt was my second mother for a long time. I have so many wonderful memories of her, mostly of all the times she yelled at Ken and Keith for picking on me when we were kids, or when she forced me to pick up crab apples in the Joliet Highway house.

Moving away from her when I was 13 was one of the hardest things I had to endure as a kid. I wanted to keep her 20 minutes close. I loved being around her so much. I will miss her calling me “Twink”, although I’m sure she’d stop if she knew what it meant these days.

Thanks to her, I have a love of all holidays and decorate for every single one, to bring my kids as much joy and she and my mom did decorating for us kids.

She was a loving woman, full of laughter and typical Catholic judgement, but we loved her anyway. I will miss her in ways I can’t fully comprehend yet. I’m glad she’s with Uncle Tom and I’m so happy she’s at peace.

I’m thankful for the time I had with her. I’m sad it wasn’t enough. I’m thankful my kids got to meet her. I love you so much, Aunt Gerrie. Thank you for all the love you gave me. I will miss you terribly.



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Kimberly Anne - October 20, 2021 at 02:07 PM