



Geraldine "Gerry" Tobenski

May 2, 1929 - June 12, 2020

Geraldine A. "Gerry" Tobenski, age 91, of Irwin, passed away Friday, June 12, 2020 at her home.

She was born May 2, 1929 in Goodrich, the daughter of Alfred & Rosalie Morin Denault.

Geraldine married Floyd Tobenski on February 7, 1948 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Goodrich. He preceded her in death on July 6, 1996.

She worked at Herscher IGA/Mario's for 20 years and later did food demos at local grocery stores for a number of years.

She was a parishioner of St. James Catholic Church in Irwin and belonged to St. James CCW, in which she served as past-president. She was honored to be their "Woman of the Year" in the past. Geraldine also belonged to the Women of the Moose.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and spending precious time with her family. She also enjoyed making rosaries for the missions and care packages for the homeless.

Surviving are two sons & two daughters-in-law, Dennis & Janice Tobenski of Irwin and Randy & Jill Tobenski of Kankakee; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Pam Kennedy of Channahon, Connie & Rex Dionne of Herscher and Robert Hensley of Naples, FL; four brothers and five sisters-in-law, Emile & Betty Denault of Bradley, Bernie Denault of Kankakee, Jerome & Kitch Denault of Bourbonnais, Vernon & Darliene Denault of Bradley, and Marynard & Barb Denault of Kankakee; one sister-in-law & brother-in-law, Merlyn &

Donna Witheft of Buckingham; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren with 2 on the way; many nieces and nephews; and cherished friends & neighbors.

In addition to her husband, Geraldine is preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Vicki Hensley and Bonnie Draper; one son-in-law, Bill Kennedy; two sisters, Dolores Riley Fitch and JoAnn Denault; and three brothers, Donald Denault, Raymond Denault, and Willard Denault.

Private family services will be held with a funeral Mass celebrated at St. James Catholic Church in Irwin, followed by interment at St. James Cemetery in Irwin.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery in Irwin

Irwin, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

BT

“ To Denny and Family,
Sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Carol and I extend you our sympathy. Tennessee Friends, Bill and Carol Tammen

Bill and Carol Tammen - June 21, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a kind lady ❤️ Always thought about Brad and his group home by sending them little bags of soaps etc. she will be greatly missed ❤️

Karen Miller - June 18, 2020 at 04:29 PM

AM

“ To Tobenski famly,

My sympathies for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing Gerry and visiting. We often would meet at the hair salon. Always leaves an empty spot. I do know the feeling.

A friend, Alice Mogensen

Alice Mogensen - June 18, 2020 at 10:04 AM

KW

“ To all My Tobenski Cousin's,

Just wanted you to know that my prayers are with each and every one of you guy's and gal's. Joyce and I were saddened by the news about Aunt Geraldine's passing and, in the days since, I've had quite a few memories about us all getting together when we were kids over at your Ma and Dad's and Grandpa Tobenski's house. Playing games and stuff in the side yard was always fun (and we didn't get into too much trouble that I can remember). And who could forget those Polish Christmas get-togethers we always had each Summer! Only the Tobenski's could put together an Annual Happy Fest like that (and cook all that good food, too)! Seems like those good times are etched into our memories because they WERE such GOOD times! Lot's of good humor at a Tobenski get-together too, I remember that especially well. Aunt Geraldine played a big part of all those times.

Let the tears flow freely for now, but at the same time lift up your hearts and keep in mind that your Ma is in the presence of her Creator in Perfect Comfort and joyfully re-joining those that we've grieved the losses of over the years. One of my favorite old photo's from Ma and Dad's photo album is the one where Aunt Geraldine is holding me as a baby with Uncle Bill looking on. I think that was taken after I was baptized and welcomed into Faith. One final thing, Aunt Geraldine was always welcoming, warm and generous to everyone that she met. My prayers are that each and every one of us can take the example that she set and apply it towards others in this trouble old world we're living in. I think it really needs it!

Love you all!

Kevin and Joyce Witheft



Kevin Witheft - June 18, 2020 at 12:01 AM

SB

“ Sorry about your Mother’s passing. She was a great person. My condolences to all of you

shirley Berger - June 17, 2020 at 09:08 PM

BH

“ Randy sorry to hear about your Mothers passing. Burl Hamilton

Burl Hamilton - June 17, 2020 at 07:56 PM

CM

“ Clay and Cindy Melhorn
Our sweet friend from the beauty shop. We will miss our "chats" and a hug. Condolences to the family.



Clay and Cindy Melhorn - June 17, 2020 at 02:07 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss! She was a sweetheart! My mom thought the world of her when they worked together at IGA. Sending prayers and hugs! Joni (Schlaich) Weakley

Joni weakley - June 17, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Dennis, so very sorry for your loss. Sweet lady. Barb (Jensen) Jackson*



Barb Jackson - June 17, 2020 at 12:51 PM

SJ

“ *After church we'd always go to IGA or later Mario's to get donuts, I swear your Mom set Lauren's favorites to the side. We shared stories on losing our husbands and we always checked in with each other. Such a loveLy woman.Ill remember with love as always~*



Sue Jensen - June 16, 2020 at 09:41 PM

VD

“ *Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Gerry" Tobenski*



Virginia R Dominick - June 16, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JT

“ *So sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady.*

Jerry and Kathy Thomas - June 16, 2020 at 09:47 AM

TW

“ I think everyone I know that know Geraldine loved her. She was a kind and special lady. Hard worker but always had time to say hello and give you a smile. She will be missed . My deepest sympathy to the family.

Thelma Webber - June 15, 2020 at 06:54 PM

MB

Thanks "Gerry"for one of those beautiful rosaries you gave to me.

Madeline Bouchard - June 17, 2020 at 01:35 PM

SH

“ Sr. Martha,sscm lite a candle for Geraldine" Gerry" Tobenski. I remember the joy Geraldine brought to the Residents and staff at Our Lady of Victory.

Her visits, assisting resident with Bingo, plus refreshments and having a quilts display at times to share her beautiful. quilts ,made the day special. She was God's blessing for everyone. God bless her and her Family.My prayers are with you.



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - June 15, 2020 at 03:47 PM