



# Geraldine "Gerrie" Arendt

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**G**eraldine "Gerrie" E. Arendt (nee Etzkorn), age 72, and the daughter of the late Dr. Peter Etzkorn and Mildred Etzkorn of Lorain, OH, passed away on Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, after suffering a lengthy illness. Gerrie was born on October 3rd, 1951, in Toledo, OH. She attended St. Mary's Catholic High School, transferring to Lorain Catholic High School, upon their grand opening in 1969. Gerrie was a graduate of the first graduating class of Lorain Catholic High School in 1970.

After High School, Gerrie married and had a son, Joey. Two years later, Gerrie relished being a new mom all over again to her daughter, Amy. Several years after the birth of her daughter, Gerrie followed in her mother's footsteps and attended the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Lorain, OH, where she became an LPN and continued advancing her career to become a Registered Nurse. Gerrie dedicated her life to her marriage and her children, as well as her career in nursing. Gerrie began her nursing career as a 4th floor MED/SURG nurse at the former St. Joseph Hospital in Lorain, OH, transferring to the Emergency Department at St. Joseph Hospital until its merger with Lorain Community Hospital in 1994. From there, she transferred to the former Lorain Community Hospital (currently Mercy Hospital), where she remained an Emergency Room nurse for countless years. In addition to being an Emergency Room nurse, she was employed with the Lorain Surgery Center, and after 30+ tireless years in nursing, Gerrie retired in 2009 from the Erie Shores Endoscopy Center.

Gerrie always had the patience of a saint. She had a heart of gold and is described by many as supportive and encouraging, always wise and kind. She always sacrificed her needs for the needs of her children and her family. Gerrie will be remembered as a selfless, altruistic mother who always had a smile and words of encouragement, even when times were tough. She had a quiet strength, and loved sharing endless stories of her great times with friends and family. Gerrie upheld the Florence Nightingale Oath for Nurses in her personal and professional life, by solemnly swearing before God to lead a worthy life and to exercise her profession honorably. Gerrie fought the good fight, she finished the race, and she kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7)



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Gerrie enjoyed living her life to the fullest. She loved traveling abroad, especially to Europe on many occasions. She also loved spending time in her vacation home in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her hobbies included playing golf and spending time with her children, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Gerrie was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Peter Etkorn, her mother, Mildred Etkorn, and a brother, Ronald Etkorn.

She is survived and sorely missed by her children, Joseph P. (Rhonda) Arendt of Amherst, and daughter, Amy E. (Terri) Arendt of Lorain. Grandchildren, Amanda R. (Angelicia) Arendt of Amherst, Alexis K. (Michael) Johnson of Cuyahoga Falls, and Joseph A. (Shannon) Arendt of Lorain, and great-grandchildren, Emersyn J. Johnson, and Lincoln J. Arendt. She also leaves to cherish her nephew, Shawn Etkorn from California, and a host of family and friends from Michigan, California, and Arizona, as well as her loyal and beloved Boxer, Arizona.

Private, family services will take place on Wednesday, October 25th, 2023, and Thursday, October 26th, 2023. Services entrusted to Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral and Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Rd, Amherst, OH 44001.



## Tribute Wall

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LL

**Liz Long** posted:

Such a nice, caring woman. Prayers for her family.

November 19 at 4:11 PM

AM

**Ann (Adamcek) More** posted:

Amy and Joe and Family My deepest sympathy to your family- I always enjoyed talking to your mom at Lorain Catholic events. She always worked hard to support Lorain Catholic and the activities you participated in. Your mom and your family are in my prayers! 🙏🙏 Ann (Adamcek) More Teacher at Lorain Catholic

October 30 at 4:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Arendt family.



October 26 at 4:24 AM

PS

**Patricia Schrull** posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Gerrie's passing. I knew her from the ER at St Joe's Hospital and I look back fondly at the time we spent together working. She was truly an angel caring for everyone. I also remember Gerrie being so proud of her children. There was not two kids more deeply loved by a mother than Amy and Joe. May she rest in peace. Pat Schrull

October 25 at 1:36 PM

BW

**Bob Welter** posted:

Gerrie was very sweet and welcoming to me upon my move back to Lorain. My deepest condolences to Gerrie's entire family. - Bob Welter

October 24 at 2:51 PM



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DM

**Debra A. Mayne** posted:

Gerri, It has truly been a blessing to me to have you as a friend. We worked with each other at Erie Shore Endoscopy. We were colleagues that led us into a great friendship. Thick as thieves as the saying goes. You were a wonderful & caring nurse. You are now with those up above who have been waiting a long time for you to arrive. You will always cross my thoughts and always be in my heart. God bless you, and peace be with you. Oh yea tell the people that we had friendships with that are up there waiting for you that I said hi. Love you .Little Deb

October 24 at 2:38 PM

DF

**Debbie Fossie** posted:

Gerri was truly an angel... caring, compassionate, kind... a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandma... a fun and loving person to be with and the most hardworking and dedicated nurse that there ever was!!! She will be missed by so many! There is a long line of folks up in heaven wanting to give her a big hug!

October 24 at 11:02 AM

JP

**Judy Todarello Payne** posted:

This breaks my heart. It seems like we just facebooked each other. I am so sorry for the family's loss. She loved Jesus so we know she's with Him now.

October 23 at 9:05 PM

LS

**Lori Stack** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Gerrie was a great nurse and person. I know she was in the hospital countless times. Now she doesn't have to suffer anymore!! God Bless her and keep her in his care. Many prayers to the family 🙏🙏

October 23 at 7:01 PM

JB

**John Bulloch** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Gerrie and I were next door neighbors and buddies until the family moved to the east side. We were the original Woody and Jessie, as evidenced by the photo below. After college we reconnected as employees at St Joseph Hospital. Gerry will be missed by her many friends.



October 23 at 2:16 PM



**Media**

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