



## Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli

March 28, 1919 - April 2, 2024

Genevieve Katherine Schiralli, age 105, of Valparaiso, Indiana, peacefully passed away while being surrounded by all of her children and grandson, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Gen is survived by sons, Nicholas Schiralli, John Schiralli, Rocco (Tammy) Schiralli; daughter, Therese (Gus) Tsirtsis; grandchildren, Jillian (Gerome) Samonte, Dominic Schiralli, Damion Schiralli and George Tsirtsis; nieces and nephews; and numerous cherished friends.

Preceded in death by husband, Peter Schiralli; parents, John and Olga Cougias; brother Christopher Cogis; sister Alice Colias; daughter-in-law Brooksine Schiralli; and grandson Michel Nicholas Schiralli.

Gen was graduated from Froebel High School in Gary, Indiana at the young age of 16. Gen also was graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, where she was a member of the marching band. She also attended Gary College, Valparaiso University, and Columbia University in New York. She taught English and French, and she was a research librarian.

Gen developed an appreciation of the arts at an early age. As a child she played violin and mandolin in the Russian and Greek orchestras. At the age of 60 she learned to play classical guitar. She had a great appreciation and

knowledge of the theater, opera, classical music, fine art, cooking, baking, literature, poetry, religion, philosophy, and politics. She always kept up with current events, and she dreamed of a better world.

Her love, kindness, and compassion toward her family and friends was unconditional, and she always displayed empathy toward others who struggled in life. She was a source of joy to everyone who knew her, and everyone who knew her would agree that she was the best example of how a human being should spend their time on earth.

Above all, Gen loved her children and family, and she did her best to instill those values in them.

Although she was small in stature, Gen was mighty; always giving the family orders when necessary. Thus, Gen became known as The General. When life presented her with difficult battles, The General never surrendered.

Genevieve Katherine Schiralli was humble and wise, and forever young at heart.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 4 – 8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. A visitation will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 DIRECTLY at Holy Spirit Catholic church, 7667 E. 109th Ave, Crown Point, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Memorial Hospital. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Visitation

APR **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
7667 E 109th Ave  
Crown Point, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Schiralli Family,  
I'm sending love from across the pond. I would dearly love to be there physically now and embrace each and every one of you. However, I am with you in thought and spirit.  
Grandma Gen or should I say Grandma Google was very special and dear to me. Thinking of Gen, I can say that I left each and every conversation and interaction with her not only feeling richer, warmer, and lighter, but as well as walking away with some piece of newly gained knowledge, trivia, or insight to life (if not all three).  
The apples did not fall from the tree, as her spark for creativity, intelligence, query, and overall exuberance for life is alight in all of you. The world was certainly a better place with her in it. Let's remember the things we treasured in her and try to embrace them in our own lives to continue to be sources of light.  
With love,  
Matt Sonnicksen

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Matt Sonnicksen - April 09, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.



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April 08, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.



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April 08, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ Jack and Louise Miller purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.



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**Jack and Louise Miller** - April 08, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Antoinette Nissan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.

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**Antoinette Nissan** - April 08, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Antoinette Nissan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.



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**Antoinette Nissan** - April 08, 2024 at 12:21 PM

MD

“ *Martin, Mary & Cecily D'Cruz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.*



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**Martin, Mary & Cecily D'Cruz** - April 07, 2024 at 09:09 PM

SB

“ *Sincerely, Tyler and Victoria Blink purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.*



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**Sincerely, Tyler and Victoria Blink** - April 07, 2024 at 07:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.*



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April 06, 2024 at 07:53 PM

SK

“ *Shawna, Dom, Georgia, Damion, Krisan purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.*



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**Shawna, Dom, Georgia, Damion, Krisan** - April 06, 2024 at 05:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.



April 06, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers for the family



**Norman Sheets** - April 05, 2024 at 12:53 PM



Our thoughts are with your family and our prayers are for the soul of your mother 🙏🙏 The Angelini family

**Michael Angelini** - April 05, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genevieve "Gen" Katherine Schiralli.



April 05, 2024 at 12:36 PM