



## Genevieve L Joseph

May 12, 1931 - April 18, 2019

Genevieve L. Joseph, age 87, of Elk Grove Village, IL., formerly of Valparaiso, passed away April 18, 2019. She was born May 12, 1931, to Clemens and Genevieve Kulenkamp. Genny grew up in St. Paul, MN., with her three sisters and two brothers. Her brother, Dean, taught her to play the bugle and she eventually became the bugler and Camp Fire Girl counselor at camp Ojiketa, where she made lifelong friends and was able to connect with them via annual canoe trips that she took well into her 80's.

In 1954, Genny married her high school sweetheart-Robert W. Joseph. They enjoyed over fifty years together, raising three children, two grandchildren, sharing their love of music, the outdoors and helping others. Genny was an elementary school teacher, a Sunday school teacher, secretary at Valparaiso University Department of Geography, and a secretary at Kids Alive International, which provides homes for orphans and at-risk children around the world. She was very active in her local church, where she played the piano and guitar. In 2013, Genny moved to Illinois, where she could be closer to her daughter, as her health declined.

Genny was preceded in death by her husband-Robert W. Joseph; son-Mark K. Joseph; her parents; sister-Dorothy Johnson; brothers-Jerome and Dean Kulenkamp. She is survived by her daughter-Carol Joseph; son-William Joseph; grandson-Nicholas Smolios; granddaughter-Elisabeth (Phil) Siapkaris; great grandchildren-Michael Smolios, Maxwell Smolios, Mark Smolios, Alexander Siapkaris, and Thalia Genevieve Siapkaris; sisters-

Yvonne Swanson and Karen Earle; many loving nieces and nephews.  
Services for Genny will be held Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 10:30 a.m., at  
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 1901 Evans Avenue, Valparaiso, IN.  
Interment at Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso. In lieu of flowers, donations  
may be made to Kids Alive International, 2507 Cumberland Drive, Valparaiso,  
IN. 46383. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Graceland Cemetery

Valparaiso, IN

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

APR **27**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
1901 Evans Avenue  
Valparaiso, IN