



Geraldine Pazanin Collins

February 14, 1936 - March 8, 2023

Geraldine Pazanin Collins, age 87, passed away on March 8, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital from a longstanding illness. She was born on February 14, 1936, she grew up in Munster, IN with her sister and 2 brothers. Gerry went to school in the area and graduated in 1954 from Hammond High School.

During her marriage to Robert Collins (1956) the family moved to several locations in Illinois and Indiana. Many may remember Gerry from her 32 years as a part-time cashier for Jewel stores near Hammond, IN and the Oswego, IL areas.

Gerry lived at Clarendale Senior residences in Schererville. She loved being an "ambassador" to future residents and had many caring friendships with the people who lived and worked there.

Always ready to play a card game, she was known as the "Pinochle Queen" to her nieces, and she enjoyed playing with them often.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Collins in 2013.

Gerry is survived by her children, Robert Collins (Andrea-Aurora CO) and Nancy Collins Yates (Brent-Oswego IL), her 5 grandchildren: Jennifer Hoch Strode (Jason-Wilmington, IL), Sarah Collins (Steamboat Springs, CO), Jason Hoch (Missy-Oswego, IL), Christopher Collins (Littleton CO), and Katy Collins Wheeler (Mark-Everson, WA) and 15 great grandchildren.

Gerry is also survived by her sister Nadine Pazanin Kellams (Munster). She also had numerous beloved nieces and nephews, most of whom live locally.

A visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, on Monday, March 13, 2023, from 9 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 11 a.m. Rev. Lou Pasala officiating. Interment to follow at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Hammond, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Cemetery

167th and Northcote Street
Hammond, IN 46320

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
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Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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Paula Lenart - March 12, 2023 at 08:37 PM



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“ *Karen, John and Jessie Dahl XXX OOO* purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of *Geraldine Pazanin Collins*.



Karen, John and Jessie Dahl XXX OOO - March 10, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine Pazanin Collins.*



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