



## Marion K. Gerling

December 23, 1926 - August 7, 2021

Marion K. Gerling , age 94 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, August 07, 2021, at Stillwater Senior Living in Edwardsville, IL.

She was born on Thursday, December 23, 1926, in San Antonio, TX, the daughter of Rudolph and Marion (nee Everett) Kurz, MD.

On Saturday, March 24, 1951, she married Edwin G. Gerling at First Congregational Church-Highland, who passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2012.

She was a member of First Congregational Church of Highland; Dorcas Fellowship of the church; Silver Creek Chapter of D.A.R. (Past Regent), Friends of Latzer Library, Highland Historical Society; Madison County Genealogy Society.

Marion K. Gerling was born December 23, 1926, in San Antonio, Texas. She was a graduate of Alton High School, Alton, IL, and received her B.S. from the University of Illinois. Prior to her marriage she had taught in Mt. Vernon and Alton. In 1951, she moved to Highland and married Edwin G. Gerling of Edwardsville. Marion was the grand-daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett of Highland. In Highland she taught Physical Education and substituted for over 20 years. Marion loved to play bridge with her bridge club. She was an avid

genealogist, having traced many lines of her family back to the 1500's in Europe. She was a member of the Silver Creek Chapter of the D.A.R. since its founding by her mother, Marion Kurz. She was a member of the First Congregational Church where she was active in the Dorcas Fellowship. Marion was a founding member of the Friends of the Library and long time member of the Highland Historical Society. For over 20 years she was the editor of the Wheelman Newsletter for the Wheelmen, an international antique bicycling club. She will be dearly missed by her family and many friends and neighbors.

Survivors include:

Son - Bryan E. Gerling, Highland, IL

Son - Robert C. (Debra) Gerling, Guthrie, OK

Daughter - M. Jane (Jeffrey) Johnson, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Stephanie D. Gerling, Edmond, OK

Grandchild - Benjamin D. (Marcie) Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI

Grandchild - Rebekah A. (Kent) Lineberry, Hazelwood, MO

Grandchild - Kathleen J. "Katie Jane" Gerling, Lake Oswego, OR

Grandchild - Anna L. (Daniel) Yarger, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Joseph A. (Tiffaney) Gerling, Tuttle, OK

Grandchild - Susannah L. (Michael) Zentz, Tompson Falls, MT

Great Grandchild - Amelia M. Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI

Great Grandchild - Megan E. Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI

Great Grandchild - Nathaniel J. Johnson, Sun Prairie, WI

Great Grandchild - Rosemary J. Cowin, Hazelwood, MO

Great Grandchild - Natalie C. Cowin, Hazelwood, MO

Great Grandchild - Abigail J. "Abby" Yarger, Glen Carbon, IL

Great Grandchild - Anthony O. Yarger, Glen Carbon, IL

Great Grandchild - Madeline K. Lineberry, Hazelwood, MO

Great Grandchild - James K. Lineberry, Hazelwood, MO

Great Grandchild - Railee A. Oxton, Tuttle, OK

Great Grandchild - Rowan E. Gerling (due within 2 weeks), Tuttle, OK

Great Grandchild - Locke A. Zentz, Thompson Falls, MT

Great Grandchild - Cosette R. Zentz, Thompson Falls, MT.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Rudolph Ferdinand Kurz, MD - Died 08/25/73

Mother - Marion Ives Kurz - Died 07/04/1995

Husband - Edwin Gene Gerling - Died 01/26/2012

Brother - Robert John Kurz - Died @ age 5 months-06/05/1930.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at First Congregational Church, Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at First Congregational Church, Highland, IL, Pastor Richard Cook, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dorcas Fellowship of First Congregational Church; Friends of Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library; or Latzer Homestead.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marion K. Gerling.* ”



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August 12, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Jay Boulanger** - August 11, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *My heart is overflowing with memories of my Aunt Marion and Uncle Ed from when I was a boy during family visits, to when I brought my girlfriend and later wife, Shelley, to meet them through our most recent visit in 2018 with Bob and Bryan. She brought so much joy into our lives. -- Tom and Shelley Hanrahan* ”



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**Tom Hanrahan** - August 10, 2021 at 10:56 PM

JB

“ Marion was not only our cousin but our friend. She was smart, funny and beautiful on the inside and outside. She was always the kindest person in the room and we will miss her very much. All our love,  
Julia and Kimberly Bain

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**Julia Ann Bain** - August 10, 2021 at 07:47 PM

WB

“ With much love, Julia and Kimberly Bain purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marion K. Gerling.



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**With much love, Julia and Kimberly Bain** - August 10, 2021 at 07:39 PM

PE

“ I was sad to hear of Marion's passing. She was such a help to my sister Charlotte Sprengel and I with our DAR membership. I did not realize that she and Charlotte both attended Alton High School and were graduates of the U of I. She was such a lovely person and my thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones and her sisters in DAR.

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**Pat Everett** - August 10, 2021 at 11:28 AM

RS

“ *Bryan and Bobby*

*I was saddened today to learn of your mothers passing. I can still remember visiting with your Mom and Dad, the latter who was my Sunday school teacher, at their Lake Shore Drive home a long time ago. She was one of the most gracious and sincere persons I have ever known.*

*You both have my deepest sympathy.*

*Bob Sautter  
Bluffton, SC*

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**Robert Sautter** - August 09, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion K. Gerling.*



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August 09, 2021 at 07:56 PM

TF

“ *The Emanuelsen family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marion K. Gerling.*



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**The Emanuelsen family** - August 08, 2021 at 08:04 PM

LM

“ I met Marion when I was working the library here in Highland. She was a very sweet lady. I would talk about her mother Marion Kurz who was my 2nd grade teacher in Alton and who lived a block away from our house. Small world.

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**Linda Hicks Montayne** - August 08, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marion K. Gerling.



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August 08, 2021 at 07:31 PM