



## Virginia L. "Ginger" Gehrig

July 13, 1932 - March 12, 2020

Virginia L. "Ginger" Gehrig, age 87 of Alhambra, IL, died Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

She was born on Wednesday, July 13, 1932, in Granite City, IL, the daughter of Robert and Frieda (nee Schneider) Wayne.

On Sunday, June 29, 1952, she married Kenneth W. Gehrig who survives.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL; and the St. Paul Church-Choir.

Born in Granite City, IL, grew up in Edwardsville, IL and graduated from Edwardsville High School. In high school she was known for her singing ability and earned a scholarship to Millikin University, Decatur, IL, where she studied voice. She also sang at weddings and funerals. She married Ken when he was in the Air Force. After his active duty they moved to Alhambra where his family owned and operated the Gehrig Store. She was a house wife, loved her family and attended many of the events they were in.

Survivors include:

Husband - Kenneth W. "Ken" Gehrig, Alhambra, IL

Daughter - Kathryn A. Gehrig, Saint Peters, MO

Son - Jeff W. Gehrig, Alhambra, IL  
Daughter - JoAnn G. (Jason) Savoie, Kingwood, TX  
Grandchild - Nicole L. (David) King  
Grandchild - Chase M. (Kaitlyn) Griffey  
Grandchild - Erin N. (Fiancé-Derek Dallas) Keithly  
Grandchild - Alexandra M. Colón  
Great Grandchild - Chandler M. Griffey  
Great Grandchild - Emmitt M. King.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Robert S. Wayne  
Mother - Frieda Wayne (nee Schneider)  
Sister - JoAnn Frey  
Brother In-law - Bob Frey.

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Private Services only.

Private interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or St. Paul Catholic Church Choir.

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ Kathy, Just learned of your mother's passing. Growing up in Alhambra your mother, as well as your father, were always very kind to me. Again, I am very sorry for your loss.

*Dick Oberdalhoff*

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**Dick L Oberdalhoff** - May 04, 2020 at 11:38 PM

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“ Ken sorry for your lost Allan A Hosto

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**Allan A Hosto9** - March 19, 2020 at 10:46 PM

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“ Kenny, Kathy, Jeff and Joann,  
My deepest sympathies to all of you. Your family has always held a special place in my heart. It is difficult to lose a loved one. I wish you peace and strength in this trying time. God bless you all.  
*Bill Lee*

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**Bill Lee** - March 18, 2020 at 09:41 AM

JD

“ Dear Kenny and family, sad to hear of the passing of "beautiful sole" Ginger. She was an awesome person, always beaming smile, willing listen ear. Her smile brighten everyone's day, I will miss her curb side chats on Marshall Street as she head home or out somewhere. Always had time to chat and listen. Heaven gains an angel and we the fiends left behind, live on with the treasured memories she so blessed us with.

*My God be with you all,  
Neighbor , Jim Davis and sister Margaret Hampson*

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**James Davis** - March 18, 2020 at 04:16 AM



Andrea Giarla

“ Morning Kathy . I am so sorry to hear about your mom passing . My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .

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**Andrea Giarla** - March 17, 2020 at 05:59 AM

DY

“ Dearest Kenny and family, My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and a BIG virtual HUG!  
I remember your precious wife, mother and grandmother as a very beautiful and poised lady. I did so love to hear her sing and always wanted to hear more of her amazing voice. When she sang at Salem her voice filled the sanctuary like the voice of an angel. She was always kind and loving. She will be sorely missed. She is now in the Angel Chorus wearing a beautiful gold and white robe and singing to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*In Christian Love,  
Donna Yates*

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**Donna L. Yates** - March 16, 2020 at 08:47 PM

RP

“ Rick and Cathy Philippi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Virginia L. "Ginger" Gehrig.



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**Rick and Cathy Philippi** - March 16, 2020 at 03:34 PM

MM

“ *My sympathy to all the family. Virginia had a beautiful voice and loved to sing with the St. Paul Choir. As a choir member, I especially enjoyed the times she would sing a solo. One of her favorites was " A Voice Cries Out." We are so grateful that she shared her beautiful voice with us. Peace.*

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**Marilyn McDevitt** - March 16, 2020 at 02:58 PM

NP

“ *Kenny, Kathy, Jeff and JoAnn...I am so sorry for your loss. Aunt Ginger was the best, she helped me so much when mom dies, she was always there for me if I need anything. Ginger was a beacon of happiness when I needed it. I know it hurts to have her gone, but "The Wayne Sisters" are back together again in heaven. I am so blessed to be her niece and to have you as my family. My God bless Ginger and all of you. I love you all!*

*Nancy (Frey) Patterson*

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**Nancy Patterson** - March 16, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia L. "Ginger" Gehrig.*



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March 15, 2020 at 01:12 PM

BG

“ Kenneth and family: Sorry to hear of your loss! We will always remember Ginger's fun-loving spirit, her love of music, and telling it as it is. Hopefully you have a copy of the video of her singing "Ave Maria". She knew all of the words, and added some words, I think. She was a great person to have conversation with, even though she was in the nursing home. She often thought of others, such as when she was receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, she knew others that needed prayers. She was a determined person, knowing what she wanted. Today being a Sunday I remember the Sunday when she knew she did not want to be watching "Face the Nation" on TV. She would make it known. She has a wonderful face and personality and will always be remembered. May she rest in peace.

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**Barb and Bernie Goebel** - March 15, 2020 at 10:51 AM

CE

“ Dear Kenny, Kathy, Jeff and Joanne,  
I am so sorry to read of Ginger's passing and please have my most sincere sympathy. We were neighbors during my childhood years of the 50's and early 60's along with Mom and Dad, Ray and Mamie Ernst. Ginger was always so kind me. I know you will miss her dearly but it is comforting to know she is at peace. May God be with all of you during these days of sorrow.  
Carl Ernst

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**CARL ERNST** - March 14, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia L. "Ginger" Gehrig.



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March 14, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Virginia L. "Ginger" Gehrig.



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March 14, 2020 at 04:50 PM