



## Geraldine Koch

June 29, 1925 - April 24, 2026

On the morning of April 24, 2026, at the age of 100, our precious mother, grandma, and Gigi, Geraldine Koch, closed her eyes one last time and opened them again in the presence of Jesus - her Friend, her Comforter, and her Savior.

Born on June 29, 1925, in the small town of Arbyrd, Missouri, Geraldine “Gerri” Tarrant and her twin brother, Donald Gene, were welcomed into the world by parents Victor Claude and Ida Mae Tarrant. Gerri was among the youngest of a lively blended family of 20 children!

The family soon moved north to Michigan, where many of her earliest memories took place - including a particularly unique one she loved to share: telling her twin, “Come on, Nonny, let’s go bite buttons!” The two would sneak into closets and nibble buttons right off the hanging clothes. She and several of her young siblings lived in a children’s home for about a year while their mother recovered from tuberculosis. She has fond memories of that time, though she often got in trouble for climbing trees to eat the green apples, refusing to wear her itchy wool stockings, dumping her rhubarb sauce in the table drawers, and calling the matron an “old crabpatch”. Gerri’s fun-loving and mischievous nature was evident from an early age and she had many other entertaining stories to prove it!

Gerri contributed to the WWII war effort as a factory worker, and married the love of her life, Robert “Bob” Paul Koch, when he returned from serving abroad in the Army Air Force in 1945. The couple went on to have seven children, and Gerri’s love for her family was evident in the little things - the homemade cinnamon rolls warm and ready for an after-school treat, the hand-sewn clothes, the games of hide-and-seek and badminton she played with her kids after supper, and Sunday dinner as a family after church. As her family grew to include sons- and daughters-in-law and grandchildren, she welcomed each new addition with joy and deep love.

Gerri faced many hardships and heartaches in her life. In 1977, shortly after they moved to Phoenix AZ, her husband and best friend Bob passed away. In the years since, she also said goodbye to her three oldest children. She faced each loss with grace and resilience even through her great sorrow, drawing strength and comfort in her knowledge of God’s love and mercy. What joy she must be experiencing now, as she has been reunited with them all at last!

In her 50’s, Gerri started a career in retail sales, and transferred from Phoenix to Fort Collins, CO. She retired in her 70’s, but she didn’t stop there! She continued to work well into her 80’s as a bread baker for a local restaurant and a friendly cashier at a neighborhood grocery store. Always a talented seamstress, she learned to quilt, and over the years created dozens of beautiful heirloom quilts. She could often be spotted walking the trails and paths around town, and she loved getting together with friends and family to play cards, share a meal, or study the Bible. She was a faithful member of Meadowlark Church of Christ. Gerri was known and loved by so many in the community!

Gerri is survived by her children Brad, Cindy (Rusty), Valerie (Steven), and Julie (David), and 25 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren, all of whom love her dearly and will miss her every single

day. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob, daughter Geri, and sons Bob Jr and Rod.

Precious Mama - how we miss you. You blessed our lives with your love, your smile, your wit, your strength, and your faith. How can we thank you for the sacrifices you made for us, the joy you brought us, and the lessons you taught us by your example of a life so well lived? We can only say this: we love you so very much.

We love you, and we can't wait to see you again.

# Tribute Wall



“ To Gerri's friends & family, and all those she shared a cheerful smile with (there are so many!): You are welcome to join us for a simple celebration of life on Monday, June 29 at 4pm. This would have been her 101st birthday! We will gather at Edora Park, 1420 E. Stuart St. in Fort Collins. Park your car behind the ballfields on the left as you enter, and you'll see us there by the creek. Gerri loved walking through the park, and we will honor and celebrate her amazing life in this beautiful setting that was so special to her.

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**Valerie Weide** - June 02 at 07:58 PM

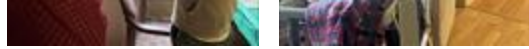
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“Gerry will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all of us at Seneca House Assisted Living. Although she was only with us for a short time, it truly felt as though she had been part of our family forever.

We will always remember Gerry delicately sitting in her chair in the living room, waiting for someone to pass by and give love too. Her patience showed us one of the softest forms of love. She had such a special way about her, the kind of presence that drew you in and made you want to sit beside her for hours, listening to her stories or sharing your own. She made people feel seen, heard, and loved. Her sweet forehead kisses goodbye at the end of our shifts were something so simple, yet something we will carry with us forever. Gerry's humor, sassiness, and loving spirit around the dinner table brought so much laughter and warmth into our home each day. Her One of the greatest gifts was witnessing the incredible love surrounding Gerry through her daughters. The love and devotion they showed their mother was truly beautiful. Their daily visits, unwavering support, and kindness toward both staff and residents never went unnoticed. Each of Gerry's daughters brought their own light into Seneca house. We will fondly remember the laughter and dancing in the living room with Val, Cindy bringing her beautiful dog to brighten everyone's day with furry companionship, and Julie's gentle, motherly nature that made everyone around her feel comforted and cared for. Gerry and her family brought love, warmth, laughter, and comfort into our home in a way that will never be forgotten. She will be deeply missed by all of us residents and staff alike and her memory will forever remain part of Seneca house and each of us individually.

We love you always Gerry.





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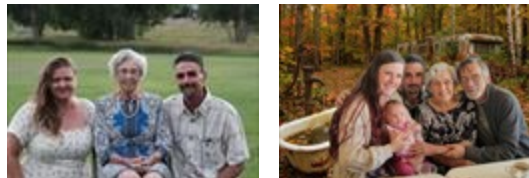
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Julia Kirby - May 09 at 07:15 PM

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“ I'll always remember the day my Grandma met my granddaughter. 5 generations full of Blessings and Love. We love you Grandma. We will see each other again.



Jason and Corina Koch - May 03 at 09:20 PM

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A memory which will forever be cherished.

Julia Kirby - May 09 at 07:16 PM