



LaVerne Catherine Gentz

September 1, 1928 - September 28, 2022

LaVerne Catherine Gentz, 94, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Wednesday morning, September 28, 2022. The effects of aging had dimmed her smile so we are happy that she is now reunited with our dad after nearly seventeen years apart. She was born on September 1, 1928 in Racine to Peter P. and Margaret (Sorenson) Ryterske Sr. She graduated from Washington Park High School in 1946. On November 26, 1949 she and Donald Robert Gentz were united in marriage at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. She was a long-time employee of AT&T, retiring in 1988. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and family with her favorite destination being Hawaii. She was a happy volunteer for Our Harmony Club. She enjoyed her family and was devoted to each and every one.

She is survived by her daughters, Paula (Greg) Renz, Nancy (Roger) Cipov, Patty (Chris) Peterson, and Karen (Carl) Bauer and by her grandchildren, James (Jamie) Marquardt, Joe (Ashley) Marquardt, Scott Peterson, Katy (Chris) Tomczak, Ally (Matt) Hasel, Emily (Jordan) Underly, Jacob Bauer, and Tara (Matt) Wofford. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Vanessa (Jason) Kent, Cheyanne Hasel, Poppy Marquardt, Matthew Wofford, Mackenzie Wofford, Vada Marquardt, Lincoln Marquardt, Corbin Hasel, Dane Tomczak, Micah Marquardt, Everly Marquardt, Oliver Underly, and Tommy Underly, and one great-great-grandchild, Jaxon Kent. She is also survived by her sister, Kathy (Ron) Barth. She is also survived by many relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Don, in 2005. She lost her grandson Charlie Peterson, in 1988. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Margaret Ryterske Sr and by her brother and sister-in-law Peter and Mary Ryterske Jr., frequent travel partners. She also lost her nephew, Tom Ryterske, her niece, Sharon Demet, and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ben and Ruth Zaionc.

Funeral services will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 2417 Drexel Ave, Racine, on Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

If desired memorials can be made to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
2417 Drexel Ave
Racine, WI 53403

Funeral Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
2417 Drexel Ave
Racine, WI 53403

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of LaVerne Catherine Gentz*



Sturino Funeral Home - October 01, 2022 at 12:08 PM

PE

One of LaVerne's friend was Ada Sattler. They enjoyed each others company and attended the same social group Harmony Club. I think there is a Harmony Club in heaven. FRIENDSHIPS ARE SO IMPORTANT LOVE TO YOU BOTH 💕

Pamela Sattler Brouwers Ehnert - July 27, 2025 at 02:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of LaVerne Catherine Gentz.*



October 04, 2022 at 03:49 PM

MH

“ Marty, Susan, and Shawn Halcsik purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of LaVerne Catherine Gentz.



Marty, Susan, and Shawn Halcsik - October 03, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of LaVerne Catherine Gentz.



October 03, 2022 at 01:38 PM

P(

“ Harmony Club Social support group !! Ada Sattler (LaVerne's best friend) and partner in crime HA HA. Now LaVerne Ada can have their fun in heaven!!!
Karen Bauer-My symphy to you and your family. I hope to see you at Church of Redemer

Pamela Ehnert (Sattler) - October 03, 2022 at 01:07 PM

PR

“ More pictures of her favorite things, babies and dancing 🤗



paula renz - October 02, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *LaVerne Catherine Gentz*.



October 01, 2022 at 10:27 AM