



Mary Elizabeth Geil

March 21, 1944 - December 9, 2016

Mary Elizabeth Geil, age 72, of Bolivar, Missouri, left this life for eternal life with her

Savior on Friday, December 9, after a brief illness.

Mary was born on March 21, 1944, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Walter H. and Ruth Duensing

Christian and was baptized into the Christian faith on April 19, Easter Sunday, 1944. She

grew up in Ohio, Illinois, and Wisconsin where her father was a Lutheran teacher and met

her husband, Allen, at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois.

They were

married on August 21, 1965, in Beloit, Wisconsin.

After they were married they served in Lutheran Schools in Hankinson, North Dakota (3

years) and Battle Creek, Nebraska (10 years). Then they managed a 500 sow feeder pig

unit in Genoa, Nebraska, for eight years. They returned to teaching for five years in St.

Johns, Michigan. Then Allen went to the seminary and on May 1, 1994, became an

ordained minister. They served churches in Baldwin, Michigan (5 years) and Birnamwood, Wisconsin (8 years). They retired near the Bolivar landing on

Pomme de

Terre Lake ten years ago and helped out at a number of churches in the area, mainly

Trinity, Freistatt.

Mary was a stay-at-home mother until the children went to school, but then worked as a

seamstress and in the schools and churches where Al was a teacher and pastor. She

enjoyed her special friend, Gabe, gardenening, sewing, crafting, taking pictures, visiting

folks, and working with the ladies at Zion Lutheran Church in Bolivar; where Al and

Mary were members. She was always "about family".

Allen and Mary had three daughters: Rochelle married to Sam Rodriguez, of Columbus,

Nebraska, children Cody and Morgan Burke; Deborah married to Steve Ritter, of

Kitchener, Ontario; and Rebecca married to Gerrad Edwards, children Logan' and

Leighton of Johnson, Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John, and her father. Those she has gone ahead

of: her husband Al, her daughters and grandchildren, her mother, brother Paul and his

family, of Rochester, Minnesota, and many relatives and friends ..

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the

dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may

rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

A memorial service will be held in spring. Any memorials to Springfield

Lutheran School

or Trinity Lutheran School of Freistatt, Missouri, or a church of your choice,
would be

appreciated. No flowers, please.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elizabeth Geil*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Mary Elizabeth Geil*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We'll always remember that smile, and the great rolling of her eyes when Pastor cracked a joke. Mary was the perfect example for us all of a woman showing Christ's love in everything she did. We miss her.*



Lisa Ehler - December 24, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *Dear Pastor Geil, you have my deepest sympathy at this time. Mary was indeed a very sweet lady, and will surely be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. I will never forget the love and kindness you both showed us while at our little church in Birnamwood. May God grant you and your family peace at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you...*
Rick Lettau

Rick Lettau - December 21, 2016 at 07:06 PM

 Tanya
Lettau
Tautges

“ Dear Pastor Geil & Family - we are just heartbroken to hear of Mary's passing! We think of you both often, especially as Phil & I celebrated 15 years of you marrying us this year! Mary was so kind, and her smile & laughter will just never be forgotten. She will have an amazing Christmas with Jesus this year. Sending LOTS of thoughts & prayers to you from Wisconsin!! Love - Phil, Tanya & Tyler Tautges

Tanya Lettau Tautges - December 21, 2016 at 05:12 PM

LM

“ Oh Pastor, we are so sad to hear of Mary's passing. It's hard to express fully. She was a beautiful and kind soul. I remember her and you and all you did for our family. I told Nate and we talked about Mary, and you and how very much you meant and will always mean to our family. Mary, you are so loved, and always will be. You will always hold a special place in our family. Rest in peace dear lady. Pastor (we always called you Pastor) our hearts go out to you, and I hope we can be reunited soon. The world is definitely a better place because Mary was in it. God's blessings you all.

Lori Mueller - December 20, 2016 at 09:41 PM

WG

“ Oh my Pastor Al, I am heartbroken over the passing of your sweet & beautiful Mary. I lost my phone and all Missouri contacts earlier this year, so I check Butler Funeral sadly every few months to see what loved ones have past. My new cell phone number is 541-864-0483. Please call me when you are able.

Wanda Green - December 14, 2016 at 10:52 PM

ML

“Gordon and my sincere sympanies in the loss of your wife, mother, and grandmother. She raised a beautiful daughter. Your family will continue in our prayers.

Gordon & Mary Linden

Mary Linden - December 14, 2016 at 06:17 PM

SC

“You and your wife always filled us with the joy of Christ when you and Mary came to Faith Lutheran to preach and fellowship with us. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this blessed season of Christ's birth.

*Peace and love,
Rick and Sally Clark*

Sally Clark - December 13, 2016 at 06:35 PM

JA

“Comfort and peace to Mary's family during this difficult time. I am Mary's cousin and remember that we were the only girl cousins on her mother's side. We often played together when we were young children when she lived in Algonquin, IL. for a period of time. Mary was a sweet and caring lady and devoted to her Lord and her family. Allen and I send our sympathy to her family.

Janice Albright - December 12, 2016 at 10:25 PM

SM

“ I am so sad to hear of your loss. The whole Geil family was like my own during your time here in Michigan. There are so many memories of Mrs. Geil. I'll never forget Mr. Geil teaching us to make the wooden Christmas ornaments which I still place on our tree every year. She helped us tie in ribbons and bows for the perfect finishing touch. She will always hold a very special place in my heart as each one of you do and always will. Prayers are sent for you all during this difficult time. She'll be that special angel watching over you.

Sara Martens

Sara Martens - December 12, 2016 at 06:01 PM

SG

“ Pastor and family. Prayers Rising. For God's Strength to get you through the coming days. And, for His Joy at the certain hope of he reunion in Heaven. Amen.



Scott and Charlotte George - December 12, 2016 at 10:43 AM

DK

“ Mary was a beautiful lady with a beautiful spirit. She will be missed by us here at Trinity. May you find comfort in knowing that she is celebrating the birth of our Saviour with Him in heaven this year. You will be in our prayers. God is with you. Don and Carole Kleiboeker



Don and Carole Kleiboeker - December 11, 2016 at 10:04 PM

PG

“ *Peggy Genova lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Geil*



Peggy Genova - December 10, 2016 at 05:17 PM

PG

“ *Mary was a special lady who loved everyone. You will be greatly missed, especially at our noodle making days. Please rest in peace. Pastor Geil we will be here for you and Our Lord will see you through the difficult days.*

Peggy Genova - December 10, 2016 at 05:16 PM

BF

“ *Bob Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Geil*



Bob Franklin - December 10, 2016 at 04:46 PM

GB

“ *Gerry & Jeff Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Geil*



Gerry & Jeff Barrett - December 10, 2016 at 12:50 PM

ES

“ *Edgar And Glenda Schoen lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth Geil*



Edgar and Glenda Schoen - December 09, 2016 at 08:40 PM

ES

Pastor Geil and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God will give you the strength you need.

Edgar and Glenda Schoen - December 09, 2016 at 08:41 PM

GE

Dear Geil family, May God comfort and keep you. We will always love and remember Mary.

Gerry & Jeff Barrett

Gerry - December 10, 2016 at 01:04 PM

JR

i was saddened to hear about Mary's passing. I am Mary's cousin and we were the same age. I was able to spend some time with Mary growing up in Illinois. Even though we have been miles apart in location it seems like I was always in touch through family. My sympathy to Mary's family. Jerry Ritt

Jerry Ritt - December 12, 2016 at 10:14 AM