



Geraldine F. Vann

June 7, 1936 - December 26, 2025

Geraldine F. Vann, aged 89, of Huntley, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 26th, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born June 7th, 1936, in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, Geraldine was the daughter of Paul Jurella and Violet Marie Niepokny.

After graduating from high school, Gerry moved to Washington, DC, where she began working for the FBI and met her husband, Mathew H. Bernert.

Together, they lived in Illinois, where they raised their daughter and built lasting friendships, particularly with the Sinnes family. Gerry's professional life included roles at Elgin High School, The Big Ten, and United Airlines, through which she formed cherished relationships that spanned the globe. She had a passion for travel and delighted in making new friends wherever she went.

In 2003, Geraldine met her second husband, Endel Vann. The couple enjoyed their time together living by the lake in Wonder Lake, Illinois, and Winter Haven, Florida. Spending time with family and friends delighted them every day.

Gerry is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Bernert Cunningham; her sister, Jean Duchaj, and brother-in-law, Andrew Duchaj; nieces Karen Duchaj and Sharon Duchaj, and Sharon's husband, Chris Loy. She is also remembered by her sister-in-law, Elvi Lord; brother-in-law, Kasper Vann; nephews Marty Vann and Mark Vann; and nieces Margie Vann and Marcia Vann.

Private services will be held on Maui, hosted by her daughter. In accordance with Gerry's wishes, she will receive a traditional Hawaiian service.