



Laurene H. "Mitzie" Gehring

April 30, 1943 - December 19, 2025

Laurene H. "Mitzie" Gehring, 82, of Marengo, passed away Friday, December 19th, 2025, at Home surrounded by her family.

She was born April 30th, 1943, in Harvey, ND, the daughter of David and Mary (Doubek) Dockter. She married the love of her life, Wayne Gehring, on June 1st, 1962 in Anamoose, North Dakota. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and family, living in Milwaukee, WI, Elk Grove Village, IL and Marengo, IL over the years.

Faith was central to Mitzie's life. She was a devoted member at St. John's Lutheran Church in Union, Illinois and previously at the Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. She demonstrated faith through service to others, preparing meals for the homeless and performing with the church vocal & bell choirs, missions that brought her immense joy and fulfillment.

Mitzie's greatest joy was her family. She was a deeply devoted mother and grandmother, and the love she shared with her children and grandchildren was the center of her life. She took immense pride in her children, and grandchildren who brought her endless joy. She cherished time spent with them and delighted in their accomplishments.

Mitzie had a creative and generous spirit. She loved quilting, card making, baking, and cooking. She took great joy in sharing her handmade creations, and homemade treats, with those closest to her. Her gifts reflected her love—thoughtful, warm, and always giving from the heart.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne; her children, Michael (Linda) Gehring, Suanne Bowman, and Kurt (Jill) Gehring; her mother, Mary (103); her grandchildren, Brad and Meghan Bowman, Jacob and Katie Gehring, and Riley, Kyler, and Logan Gehring; and her brother, David "Sonny" Dockter.

She is preceded in death by her father, David; and her son-in-law, Eric Bowman.

Visitation will be held on January 10th, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Union, 6821 Main St., from 9:00 - 12:00 pm. A celebration of life service for Mitzie will be held immediately following the visitation at 12:00 pm. A luncheon will follow the service at St. John's Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mitzie's name may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church, 6821 Main St, Union, IL 60180 or The Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary, 606 W. Golf Rd, Mt Prospect IL, 60056.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 12:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St John's Lutheran Church
6821 Main St
Union, IL 60180
(815) 923-2733

Memorial Visitation

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Wayne and family, so sorry for your loss. Mitchell was always smiling and upbeat when we would see you guys. Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family for strength through this difficult time. Fritz and Kathy.

Kathy Wohl - December 27, 2025 at 08:58 PM

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“ Sympathy to Wayne and family so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you at this time
Love Rachel and Don Simonson

Rachel Simonson - December 24, 2025 at 10:09 PM



So sorry for your loss Wayne and family. Mitzi was always smiling and upbeat when we would see you guys over the years. Our prayers are for you through this difficult time. Fritz and Kathy

Kathy Wohl - December 27, 2025 at 08:45 PM

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We will miss Mitzi alot, even though the last few years we have not lived close enough together to see each other we did get together at the AT&T golf outings and talk on the phone. You were always a special part of our lives ever since we were backyard neighbors in Ottawa, IL and Bob and Wayne worked together. We had alot of good times and fun after Mitzi and I took bridge lessons and we would come home and teach Wayne and Bob how to play. Our kids were similar ages so they could play together while we played cards. We celebrated our special days together because Mitzi and I were born only 8 days apart and we were married only a few months apart. Lots of celebrations we had together.
We are glad she isn't suffering anymore. She put up a strong fight. Lets hope we can all meet together up in heaven and have some more fun times!!!
Love Carole and Bob Shaffer

Carole Shaffer - January 10 at 04:04 PM