



Geraldine "Geri" Lederer

June 1, 1951 - January 1, 2021

Geraldine Ann Lederer, 69, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, January 1, 2021.

Geri was born June 1, 1951, in Topeka to Gerald and Patricia Slattery Cummings. She attended Assumption Grade School, graduated from Seaman High School in 1969, and from the Stormont Vail School of Nursing in 1972. In 1971, Geri and Edward Hawks were married and from that union two children were born; they later divorced. Geri and Kim "Pete" Peterson were married in 1984; he passed away in 2007. On December 22, 2008, Geri and James Lederer were united in marriage; he survives.

Geri fulfilled her calling to nursing at Stormont Vail Hospital and then at St. Francis Hospital where she worked in the OR and helped set up the cardiac program. Moving to Escondido, California, she worked at Palomar Medical Center where she also helped set up their cardiac program. Returning to Kansas, Geri continued her calling by turning to home health nursing. She had a love of the elderly and it showed in the level of care, both personal and professional, that she lavished on them. At Kaw Valley Vo-tech, Geri was able to influence others studying nursing by teaching. Following a cancer diagnosis in 2017, Geri moved to The Healthcare Resort of Topeka, where after achieving remission, she continued to display her love of caring for others.

Geri was an avid reader, especially of murder mysteries. She enjoyed knitting, gifting all her nieces and nephews with slippers. She loved the beach, going there frequently on Sundays after Mass while in California. She loved Pepsi, jelly beans, popcorn, crossword puzzles, Kansas Jayhawks basketball, singing and caring for others. But more than anything, she was proud of and loved her daughters, considering them her crowning achievement. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared Geri's life are her husband, Jim Lederer; daughters, Dr. Anne Hawks and Lara Geiken (Curtis); grandchildren, Peyton, Brett and Madison; her mother, Pat Cummings; siblings, Gordon Cummings (Terri), Sharon Duffens, Dr. Jill Hackett and Darryl Cummings (Gloria); eight nieces and nephews, two great-nieces and one great-nephew. Geri was also preceded in death by her grandparents and her father, Gerald Cummings.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Friday, January 8, at Mater Dei Holy Name Church, 1114 SW 10th Street, where the rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m.. Mass of Resurrection will follow at 11 a.m. in the Church. Due to the pandemic, masks and social distancing are required and Geri's Mass will be live streamed on the funeral home Facebook page.

Inurnment will take place at a future date in Shawnee Center Cemetery, Wakarusa KS.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, for a fund to be set up in Geri's memory for scholarships benefitting nursing students.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Shawnee Center Cemetery

Wakarusa, KS 66546

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Rosary

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Mass of Resurrection

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 05, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 05, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ Geraldine "Geri" Lederer

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer.



January 07, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer.



January 04, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ Dear Lederer Family,
On behalf of Topeka Public School District, our sincere condolences are extended to the Lederer and Hackett family. It is clear that Mrs. Lederer lived a life of service to others, much like her sister, Dr. Jill Hackett, who serves as the associate superintendent in Topeka Public Schools. As Mrs. Lederer served as a nurse who cared for countless others and as she fulfilled the role of being a dedicated mother with amazing children, her positive impact and loving legacy will live on through the many lives she has impacted. Topeka Public Schools is here to support the family in any way that is needed and the Lederer and Hackett family remains uplifted in our thoughts and prayers.

*Dr. Tiffany Anderson
Superintendent, Topeka Public School District*

Dr. Tiffany Anderson - January 04, 2021 at 03:52 PM

JL

“ *Julie and Lorenzo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer.*



Julie and Lorenzo - January 04, 2021 at 02:35 PM

AS

“ *LARA and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom made a difference. Blessings to all of you.*

Alyson Stewart - January 03, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer.*



January 03, 2021 at 02:50 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer.*



January 02, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Geri" Lederer.*



January 02, 2021 at 09:40 PM



“ *I met Geri 20 years ago at Kaw Area Technical School. She taught my second year of surgical technology school. She was a wonderful teacher that exhibited not only a great wealth of knowledge but also a passion for caring for others and equipping her students with the tools they needed to succeed.*

Besides a nurse and teacher, Geri was also a prophetess. One day in class she went around the room and told us what field she envisioned each of us working in down the road. She predicted I would be in medical sales and at the time I thought she was crazy. Maybe I am the crazy one because I've been in medical sales now for 11 of the last 15 years; and as fate would have it the last two of those years working with Geri's daughter Lara.

Lara, you and your entire family are in my prayers as you all deal with this incredible loss.

Tim Dial

Tim Dial - January 02, 2021 at 09:34 PM



That should say "second semester" not "year".

Tim Dial - January 02, 2021 at 09:35 PM

LA

Thank you Tim, I enjoyed reading this.

lara - January 02, 2021 at 10:11 PM

JM

Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.

Jami J Mott - January 06, 2021 at 07:25 PM

TR

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Anne, Lara and Jim. Your mom was a wonderful person and I know she will be missed deeply. God bless you and may she rest in peace.*

Traci - January 02, 2021 at 09:18 PM

EB

“ *So sorry to read about your loss Pat. My condolences to you and your daughter's family. Ellie Gartner Brooke*

Ellie Gartner Brooke - January 02, 2021 at 08:37 PM