



Geraldine "Geri" Villegas

August 30, 1947 - December 9, 2009

Our beloved, loving and humorous Geraldine S. "Geri" Villegas: wife, mom, sister and grandmother journeyed into our heavenly Father's loving arms on December 5, 2009, surrounded by family at home. She came into the world born at home in Topeka on August 30, 1947 the daughter of George W. and Aurora (Hernandez) Sandeffer. She was a true dedicated servant of the Lord and cherished her husband, girls, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and entire family with her life. She adored all her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She accepted all into her family. Geri was instrumental and faithful in raising her grandchildren until her health made it impossible. She will be missed deeply by so many. She was brave in her fight against cancer and enduring her chemotherapy treatments. Geri graduated from Hayden High School. She was a life long, faithful member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, George W. and Aurora H. Sandeffer; sisters, LaVerne Standau, Clarice Ruth Barker; brothers, Robert George Sandeffer, Delmar James Sandeffer, Donald Craig Sandeffer. Survivors include her husband, of 37 years Roman Villegas, Topeka, daughters, Lori Smith (Nathan), Felisa Sharp (Brian), Jaime Lake (Wayne), all of Topeka; grandchildren, Dalton and Alexis Smith, Kaylyn and Ellie Sharp, Hannah and Carlianne Lake, all of Topeka; sisters, Alberta Matz (George), Mary Green, of Topeka, Bernice Hancock of Springfield MO. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1008 NE Atchison, Topeka KS 66616. A parish rosary will be prayed

at 7 p.m. at the church. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated Thursday at 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ 1 file added to the album memories



Alexis Smith - December 04, 2023 at 02:37 PM

AS

“ I love you grandma G!!! I miss you so much and will forever Cherish the short 9 years I had with you. I will make sure to carry your name on forever. Truly the best grandmother any little girl could have. I wish you could celebrate everything I have achieved with me but I know you are seeing it all from Heaven. I miss you more than you'll ever know

Alexis Smith - December 04, 2023 at 02:34 PM



“ Geraldine "Geri" Villegas

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

LO

“*MOM- YOU SO LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS! Everything you have said, everything you have done not only for Nathan, Dalton, Alexis and I but for everyone will be remembered! From your humor to your daily concerns about us, the kids, our friends-you loved everyone as your own family! Your WONDERFUL meals you fixed and always wanted to share with everyone were the best-everyone loved your mexican food! Dalton and Alexis never went without anything- from just love and time (in your sickest days) spent with Grandma and Grandpa to you thinking of them and finding the cutest things at the stores for the kids and they loved everything. DALTON AND ALEXIS MISS YOU DEARLY! So glad I was blessed to let you know of all of this but nothing takes the pain away of how I soooo miss you, your voice, your hugs and your love you gave us as mom and grandma. For now and until the day I will be able to run to you with open arms , I love and miss you every second of the day-
Love always,
Lori*

Lori - December 29, 2009 at 02:17 PM

JD

“*My thoughts and prayers, go out to the family. Geri had to be a very proud Mother, Grandmother, Wife, and Mother-in-law. Though, it was not in her plan to leave all that she loves, she surely felt at peace, with the wonderful family that surrounds her. She will never be far from all that love her, but they already know this. She knows that her family is strong, that was in her plan.*

Janice Duran - December 11, 2009 at 03:02 PM

SG

“ sorry for your loss!! she was a special lady! when i was little visting my grandmother on Branner st. i would always talk to her over the fence. she always made me smile.
Sam Gomez

Sam Gomez - December 09, 2009 at 06:37 PM

TW

“ Lori,Nate,Dalton,& Alexis Sorry to hear about your loss you will a;ways be in our thoughts and on our minds if their is any thing you ever need you can all on us to be their for you guys ALWAYS with all our Love Esther Head and Tresa Waever

Tresa Weaver - December 09, 2009 at 06:15 PM

HH

“ Dear Lori, Felisa, Jaime, Roman, Birdie Mae, and Nathan, I am so sorry for your loss. Mom and I will miss her terribly. Lori, Your mom has been like family to mom since long before the two of us were even born.I too, remember her sense of humour. Even very recently, I'd hear her laughter through the phone reciever, and I'd know right away who mom was on the phone with.Even more so than her sense of humour, I remember her for her kindness.When my dad passed, she came and sat with mom and I at the funeral home for hours,literally hours. She was sick then, but she stayed, just the same. I think that speaks volumes about her character as a person. It is something I'll never forget. She truly was a genuinely good human being. My thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.
Sincerely,With Love, Hope Hicks

Hope Hicks - December 08, 2009 at 08:45 PM

BH

“ Dearest Lori, felisa, Jaime, Roman, Birdie Mae, and Nathan, When I first met Gerri she was a smart, honery little kid, who loved nothing more than to tease me. She had that same sense of humor to the end. I lost a very dear friend Saturday. I am heartbroken. I thought I was prepared for this, but I'm finding I was not. I will miss her so. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to let me know . With all my love, Beverly

Beverly Hicks - December 08, 2009 at 07:09 PM

VE

“ Jaime, Lori, Felisa & Roman~
I am soo sorry to hear of your loss, your mom was a great woman with a great smile and always gave the warmest hugs! Her memories will forever live in my heart.. You are all in my thoughts an prayers.

Luv to you all~

Valerie Escobar - December 07, 2009 at 02:19 PM

AB

“ Lori, Nathan and kids,
We are so sorry to hear about your loss. May your wonderful memories of her help bring you comfort and peace. Lori, we just spoke briefly not long ago and I admire your strength and if you need anything at all please don't hesitate to call.

Andrea and Chris Bailey - December 07, 2009 at 12:31 PM

PP

“ *Lori and Family -- I know that words cannot erase the pain you are feeling at this time. But, girlfriend, know that it will get better. There will be times when tears will come to your eyes --like when you and I talked. But, know that your mom and my dad are in heaven .. waiting for the day that we will join them.*

Pam Patton - December 07, 2009 at 11:33 AM

SE

“ *Remembering your family with love,laughter, and fun times. Know we are thinking of you and wishing to be there with you.*

Sierra Endsley - December 07, 2009 at 10:43 AM

CR

“ *Lori and family:*

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Please know that you are in my prayers during this trying time.

Carolyn Roudybush

Carolyn Roudybush - December 07, 2009 at 09:02 AM

NA

“ *To the greatest Mother in Law in the World
I never thought the day would come that I would have sit down and type a condolence to the Family that Im a part of. Words cant describe how I feel right now, Im so sad that we lost the Greatest Wife, the Greatest Mother, the greatest Grandmother "EVER" and for me the greatest Mother in Law. You was the biggest insperation in my life. Everyone knows the way things started off, and it wasnt the greatest, but I thank you so much for giving me another chance to prove to you and dad and the rest of the Villegas family that I could be the right one for your beatiful daughter. I will continue what I started and that is to make you proud I promise you with all my heart I will do just that. This is by far one of the hardest things I have ever been through, to see a Family that I care about so much, lose the one thing they charish the most, is just devastating.
Thank you Gerri Villegas for all the things you have done for me and I promise you I will not let you down. Im so sad right now I just cant type no more. I will Miss you with all my heart Mom I love you so much always and forever your Favorite Son in Law "Nahtan" Rest in Peace!*

Nathan - December 07, 2009 at 12:57 AM