



Geraldine A. Barsocchi

April 9, 1936 - January 2, 2024

Geraldine A. Barsocchi (nee Murphy) passed away suddenly on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at her residence in Delran, NJ. Born in Astoria, Queens, NY to the late Eugene and Agnes Murphy. Gerry was 87 years old.

Beloved wife of 60 years to the late Alfred T. Barsocchi, loving mother of Alfred J., Janet (Frank) Chiacchio, Pamela (John) Carey, Michael (Helen) and Gene (Jessica). Devoted Grandma Gerry (aka Gigi), to Jacqueline Lambert (Christopher), Caroline Carey, Nicholas Chiacchio, and Nicole and Kristen Barsocchi and Noah Barsocchi.

Geraldine was predeceased by her brother, John Murphy and her sister Mary (nee Murphy) Helmes.

Gerry is also survived by her nieces and nephews, their spouses (and children) who loved her beyond measure: Edward Helmes, Kathy Muth (Rich), Maryann Joray (Don), Jimmy Helmes (Nancy), John Helmes (Lori), and John Murphy (Liz).

She was also predeceased by many dear friends, too many to list. Gerry was so good at maintaining her treasured relationships and with zero social media! Of those that remain, all are life long and so special and include Joanie H (No. Jersey), Barbara P, Irene R, Maureen E (Long Island), and Sally R (WI). We are sorry for any we missed, as there were many. In NJ, she is survived by a very dear friend and requires a special "shout out" to Maureen O. We all know what a tremendous loss this is for her, too. Together, Maureen and Gerry shared fun and frolics (age did not deter them) shopping, dining and enjoying a good Manhattan and Martini.

Gerry and Al left Queens, NY in 1963 to begin their new life in Cinnaminson, NJ, later moving to Delran, NJ. After retirement, Gerry and Al spent many years, as snowbirds, at their residence, in Seminole, FL and eventually returned back (full-time) to Delran, NJ. Gerry lived simply and simply lived life to the fullest. While life was not without suffering, trial, and tribulation, she would say, "she was blessed beyond measure". She had a strong faith.

Gerry was a full-time secretary at Temple Sinai, Cinnaminson, for 20 years. It may seem odd as a Catholic to be a Rabbi's secretary, however, Gerry relished the time spent with the congregants and gaining a deeper understanding of their faith.

While successfully raising her 5 children, with her devoted spouse, she was also a

caregiver to her aged parents and later her father-in-law...all during a time where she was working full time. She was a wise soul who was always there when you needed her. She had a "PhD" in life and really understood human nature. She always seemed to know the right thing to say. She was a remarkable woman who will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Monday, January 8th from 6-8pm and Tuesday, January 9th from 8:30-9:30am at Givnish of Cinnaminson 1200 Route 130 North. Cinnaminson, NJ 08077. Her funeral Mass will follow at 10:00am at St. Peter Church in Merchantville, NJ. Internment will take place at Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's School 51 W. Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ 08109 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. To share your memories of Gerry, please visit www.givnish.com.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
1200 Route 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
(856) 829-8000
info@givnish.com
<https://www.givnish.com>

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 9. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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1200 Route 130 N
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Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Church
43 West Maple Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109
(856) 663-1373
<http://www.stpetercc.com>

Burial

JAN 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

Lakeview Memorial Park
1300 Route 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
(856) 829-3553

Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Geraldine A. Barsocchi*



Givnish Funeral Home - January 08, 2024 at 09:39 AM

EH

ABSOLUTELY AWESOME....made a grown man cry...outstanding tribute to a remarkable lady....much love to you all. Love Eddie Helmes

Ed Helmes - January 08, 2024 at 01:58 PM

PC

We know you are with us in spirit. We also know what a loss this is for you too. Sending hugs!

Pamela Carey - January 08, 2024 at 08:47 PM

EH

Thanks Pam. hope we can keep in touch. Gerry would want that. 973 255 6001

Ed Helmes - January 09, 2024 at 04:41 PM

JM

*Aunt Gerry was my friend!
I miss her already :(*

john f murphy - February 07, 2024 at 12:26 AM

MA

“ *Mrs. Barsocchi was a wonderful lady. We had the pleasure and honor to know her. We will miss her sense of humor and the compliments we gave to each other each year on our decorated homes for the holidays, especially autumn and Christmas. Rest in peace!*

Our deepest condolences to the Barsocchi family.

John and Martha

Martha - January 08, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“Si vis amari ama” - If you wish to be loved, love. Gigi embodied everything about this. She loved us so deeply and we loved her so much too. She never missed a birthday, life event, or milestone. She supported us in good times and in bad. She always celebrated us and I could always feel how proud she was of all her grandchildren. We were so lucky to have a grandmother like Gigi, the life of the party, always singing and making sure your glasses/plates were never empty. I will never forget our Easter's in FL, which inspired me to attend college there. I would meet up with Gigi and Pop-Pop for dinners in Indian Rocks Beach, and they even hosted my college friends for Easter one year. There is never enough time together, but I am so grateful for all the time we had. I, and I know this goes for all of the grandchildren, will miss her forever. But I could not be more happy that she is reunited with Pop-pop and all her loved ones that have passed on before. We love you Gigi, thank you for the lifetime of wonderful memories and for making us always feel so loved.



Jackie Carey - January 08, 2024 at 08:37 AM

BP

“ I could never have guessed that walking into my 4th-grade classroom at Lady of Mount Carmel in Astoria, Queens, I would meet a lifelong friend, but 77 years later, Gerry and I have shared a friendship that spanned decades. Between weddings and children and grandchildren, we may have been separated by geography, but our bond was inseparable. We would see each other through the years for different events - from our annual “cousins Christmas party” that Gerry and Al never missed (often navigating blizzards to get there!) to trips to New Jersey for special occasions - we always found time to see one another. Of course, long after everyone would fall asleep, we would still be chatting and sipping the last of our Manhattans! Between visits, we would never lose touch. Our phone calls were legendary – often lasting hours (just ask our children, who would constantly pester us to get off so they could use the phone), but despite the length, we always hung up feeling like we had more to share. And whenever that next call came, we picked right up where we left off. It has been said that one is lucky to have friends at every stage of life, but I can’t believe how truly blessed I was that I had the same one throughout mine. Gerry was there for every milestone in my life, sharing my happiness or providing comfort in difficult times, and through it all, her love and laughter made it better. She always ended our calls by saying, “ I love our chats.” Well, my dear friend, keep a Manhattan on the rocks for me, and when I join you, we will pick up right where we left off! Love,
Barbara

Barbara P. - January 07, 2024 at 07:50 PM

EH

remember you Barb 2429 27 st thank for ur love for Aunt Gerry Ed helmes

Ed Helmes - January 08, 2024 at 07:57 PM

PC

I am finally able to sit and take the time to share a thank you for this wonderful tribute and your memories. I too, have a friend I met in 5th grade, in Sister Mary D's class. We are lucky geography did not separate us.
We do not have to travel to share life occasions.

I have fond memories of trips to Jones Beach, cousins Christmas parties in blizzards and just taking the trip as young children up the LI Expressway (park-your-car-way) to visit and spend time at your home in LI. I am so lucky to have Godparents as wonderful as the both of you. I know you were with us in spirit and thought this week. Gerry's send-off was a beautiful tribute to her. She would be happy with the pomp and circumstance (well, humbly happy). I know she is dancing in Heaven and praying for all us here on earth. Love and hugs to all of you!

Pamela B Carey - January 13, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.*



January 06, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *They say you can pick your friends but you can't pick your family. In my case lighting did strike twice as I am blessed to have true witness to a devoted Aunt and a devoted best friend. As a devoted Daughter, sister, neice, wife, mother, and grandmother to her treasured family her abundant love and devotion was deeply felt by her neices and nephews. Gerry was truly my best person on the planet. In recent years we spoke frequently on the phone (sometimes daily) solving the world's problems, joking, remembering past generations of family (Among her other contributions, Aunt Gerry was the family historian which she was happy to share, some being bitter sweet remberences. Life she concluded was a constant test of faith which her strong gift of faith , which she was raised in, sustained her. She was a humble soul but proud of her faith which she actively practiced. Despite her ever growing family, she had a gift of making you feel like you were the only person in the room....it is also said that a true friend will make your problem, their problem. Aunt Gerry excelled in that definition as well. I will miss her council, spot on advice and her love. In my 73 Years Gerry never forgot a birthday or Christmas card followed by a telephone call with her rendition of Happy Birthday. She will be sorely missed , but will rest in eternal peace with her husband Al and all loved ones who have gone before. sore with the Angels girl, and yes YOU DID IT YOUR WAY...Love you to pieces and I'm sure you will have abundet Vienna Fingers. Love Eddie*

Ed Helmes - January 06, 2024 at 01:05 PM



Eddie, you summed Gerry up to a tee. She was so very special and I'm glad I got to call her Mom for so long. My grief is consoled by her joining those she longed to see again. And, I am betting the Vienna Fingers are calorie free! She loves you!

Pam Carey - January 06, 2024 at 04:15 PM



Yup I made her proud

Ed Helmes - January 08, 2024 at 08:01 PM



Eddie Helmed, your Tribute to your Aunt Gerry is 'Spot On'. Maureen

Maureen O'Connor - January 12, 2024 at 09:56 AM

JM

*Eddie, You are 73 yrs old? You are old! :)
Gerry loved you very much.*

*For years, I'd talk to her each morning.
Hope she & Al are enjoying themselves.*

*Ed, email me hello.:)
shoebonus2@aol.com*

john f murphy - February 07, 2024 at 03:28 PM

JC

“ Jackie and Chris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.

Jackie and Chris - January 06, 2024 at 06:32 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.



January 06, 2024 at 06:32 AM

JH

“ In loving memory of my dear cousin Gerry, we have made a \$100 donation on her behalf to the St. Judes Research Hospital. We love you Gerry. Joan & Rich Haynes

Joan Haynes - January 05, 2024 at 05:28 PM

PC

You were a cousin, she considered you a friend. You got to be both family and friend.

Thank you for helping the children of St. Jude. My mom so loved how Danny Thomas vowed to build a shrine to St. Jude Thaddeus if the saint would help him find his way in life.” (That shrine is St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.)

Pam Carey - January 05, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.



January 05, 2024 at 03:11 PM

RB

“ *My condolences to the Barsocchi family.*

Rich Bellina - January 05, 2024 at 01:17 PM

PC

Thanks Rich!

Pam Carey - January 05, 2024 at 09:40 PM

FY

“ *From your family at Holman. We love you planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.*

From your family at Holman. We love you - January 05, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.*



January 05, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.*



January 05, 2024 at 10:54 AM

MC

“ *My condolences to the Barsocchi family.*

Michael Cofini - January 05, 2024 at 10:30 AM

PC

Thank you Mike!

Pam Carey - January 05, 2024 at 09:44 PM

MB

“ Gerry was a dear, fun loving friend. She was always upbeat and cheerful and ready with a story or joke. She and Maureen, the perfect pair! Gerry and I promised to get together this year, but that will now have to wait. Think of you often and fondly! Marcia B.

Marcia Blacker - January 05, 2024 at 09:31 AM

PC

Marcia, my mom loved you and the sisterhood! Thank you for sharing. She truly was an awesome person, that I got to call Mom. I miss her so much already, but my dad missed her more.

Pam Carey - January 05, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.



January 05, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Barsocchi.



January 04, 2024 at 07:26 PM