



## Geraldine Josephine Stafford

April 24, 1937 - January 12, 2021

STAFFORD, Geraldine J. "Gerri". January 12, 2021. Age 83. Beloved wife of Richard for 63 years. Loving mother of Chris Stafford (Eduardo Barbosa), Susan Adkins (Kevin), Mark Stafford (Renee) and Rick Stafford (Lisa). Proud and loving grandmother of Greg Adkins (Katelyn), Tracy Schmitz (Germain), Lauren Stafford and Kendall Stafford and great-grandmother of Camille Schmitz and Elsie Adkins. Her family grieves the sudden and unexpected loss of such a wonderful person; she will be deeply missed. Gerri was Rick's heart and soul. He stated that he wouldn't be the person he is today if it wasn't for Gerri. She was outgoing, gregarious, had a positive attitude and was always the "life of the party". Her passions were her family, reading and literally traveling the world (multiple times over); one of her favorite quotes was "the world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.". Arrangements are entrusted to Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., Sterling Hts. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are appreciated to the local Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

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“ It was sad to learn of the passing of Gerri today, my first cousin. Reading her obit in todays' Free Press. Growing up, she was 11 years my senior. But I always remember her smile that would light up a room when she entered it. My Dad and Mom, Leonard and Eleanor Lorence would always speak highly of her. My deepest sympathies to Richard and the rest of the Stafford Family.  
With Love and prayers, Tom and Stasia Lorence

**Tom Lorence** - January 17 at 05:23 PM

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“ Jim and Mary Siewicki  
Our hearts go out to your family Geraldine was a beautiful and fun person. Jim loved that she was his Godmother and cousin. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry we can not be with you at this time. Love you all

**Mary and Jim Siewicki** - January 17 at 03:31 PM

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“ Brian and I are so sorry for your loss. There are so many good memories. I hope everyone is staying safe in these crazy times

Sandy Wejroch Rafferty

**Sandy** - January 17 at 01:51 PM

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“ Stafford family Madonna and I are sad at gerri's passing. She was one of a kind. We'll miss her!

**Bruce Wenner** - January 16 at 08:28 PM

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“ James and I send our deepest condolences to your family at this difficult time.

**Leanne Barker** - January 16 at 12:07 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to your family. She was a wonderful friend to our family and we will miss her.

**Patricia Frenette** - January 15 at 08:39 PM

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“ Geraldine was always a favorite guest at our Ronald McDonald House of Detroit events. She was always cheerful and happy to be part of our organization. All of us at the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit will miss her. We send our love and condolences. Jennifer Litomisky, Executive Director and staff

**Jennifer Litomisky** - January 15 at 06:51 PM

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“ Beauty, Grace, and Style, just a few adjectives to describe Gerri. To the entire Stafford Family, my heart is breaking for you! You are in my thoughts and prayers! Deepest condolences! Greg Cannon

**Greg Cannon** - January 15 at 05:15 PM

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“ Such a beautiful woman, bright, shiny, always with a smile - went on our Mediterranean trip with us = she was our A1 travel agent and friend. Her bright light will be missed. Ron and Barb Staschke

**Barbara Staschke** - January 15 at 04:41 PM

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“ Chris & Family,

Dan and I were saddened to learn of your mother's passing. She was a terrific lady, dedicated to life, her children, and the zest for fun and laughter. We know that you'll carry her in your hearts and minds. Prayers and condolences to you all.

In sympathy and understanding,  
Bob Hermann & Dan Joraanstad

**Bob Hermann** - January 15 at 04:19 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Gerri was a very lovely person, and a lot of fun to be with,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat Noechel.

**Pat Noechel** - January 15 at 02:55 PM

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“ Rick and family,

Craig and I are so sorry to hear of Gerri's passing. She was a wonderful lady! We love living across the street from her and Rick. She was also a lot of fun at Ladies Game Night,  
We will miss her and will keep Rick and the family in our prayers. Lisa Dickinson

**Lisa Dickinson** - January 15 at 02:17 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I remember meeting her and she was lovely. Sending a big hug and heartfelt condolences.

**Michele Kasimor** - January 14 at 10:04 PM

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“ Uncle Rick, Chris, Sue, Mark and Rick and all, we are so incredibly sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Auntie Gerri, she always greeted me with such a big hug I couldn't help but feel the enormity of her love. She was sassy and silly and simply wonderful. I'll never forget "running away" to Auntie's house where she loaned me a swimsuit and we sunbathed all day. What an amazing, joyful lady. We are all blessed to have had her in our lives. May you all find peace knowing you are in our hearts and minds at this difficult time. Love you all. Beth, Chloë & Megan



**Beth Mell** - January 14 at 07:00 PM

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“ Chris and family so sorry for your loss.

**earl rorick** - January 14 at 05:53 PM

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“ Rick, Chris, Susan, Mark & Young Rick, My heart breaks for all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. There are no words great enough to describe Gerri. She was just life personified. No one will ever replace her in my life. Gerri was a very big part of my world. She will always have a special place in my heart. I love you Gerri and know we will one day be together to continue our wonderful journey of friendship.

**Carol Selewski** - January 14 at 02:49 PM



“ To All Stafford family members, I am so very sorry for your great loss. Geri was such a radiant and loving person. I will remember our fun vacations together and all of the laughing we enjoyed with Geri. Love to you all.

**Mary-Perry Miller** - January 14 at 05:24 PM



“ Mr. Stafford, Susan, Chris, Mark, Rick and Family. My remembrance of Mrs. Stafford 40 years ago when I had met her for the first time was her personality and laughter. It was a honor to know her. Our prayers are with yours during this time.

Linda Schweder & Family

**Linda Schweder** - January 14 at 06:12 PM



“ Rick and children, I loved loved her like a sister. We worked, traveled and partied together. We prayed together when we were on that plane with the bomb scare. We taught Pre-school at Church together. We were in the Alter Society together, our kids went to school and played together. I will see you in Heaven Kiddo. Your memory will live forever.

Joan J. Jaskula A.K.A Miss Joanie

**Joan J. Jaskula** - January 15 at 04:33 PM



“ Rick, Chris, Mark, Susan and Rick,  
I am so saddened to hear of Gerri's passing. She was my favorite cousin even though we did not see each other often in our later life. I looked up to her like a sister. She will be truly missed. I remember always looking at you Rick and Gerri with the perfect marriage. You truly always looked in love! My heart is with you all and sending prayers your way. She had a wonderful outlook on life; we all should model our lives after her!

Love,

Linda and Tom Rae

**Linda** - January 19 at 10:08 AM