



Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus

May 18, 1937 - June 17, 2024

Jeraldine Loree Stankus, 87, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 17, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Elkins, WV on May 18, 1937, the daughter of the late Mildred and Virgil Vanscoy. She is survived by her twin sister Joyce Cain, of Fredericksburg, VA and her sister Judi Forren (Ron) of St. Albans, WV. Jerry lived a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Jerry was a devoted wife to Bill Stankus, deceased, with whom she shared a beautiful life and raised three wonderful sons. Her love and dedication to her family were the cornerstone of her life, in which she took great pride. Surviving are three sons. John and wife Theresa, their son Jonathan and great grandchildren Josie and Langston, son Joe and wife Mary Ann, their daughters Dr. Danielle Ware and husband Michael and great-granddaughter Rosemary, Ann Marie and fiancé Will Critchfield, son Steven and wife Dr. Sara Lewis-Stankus, and their children, Hannah, Leah, and Isaac, all of which brought her endless joy and smiles.

In addition to her family, Jerry had a vibrant social life, enjoying the company of many dear friends. She was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Teter CEOS and the Rebeka Lodge Odd Fellows (IOOF). Her passion for fashion was evident to all who knew her; In her career, she enjoyed working at Stone and Thomas and was a kindergarten aide in Upshur County. Her love for her cats was well known, and she adored her dog friends, who were constant sources of comfort and joy.

Throughout her life Jerry touched many hearts with her kindness, warmth, and generosity. Her legacy of love and care will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know her.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held on Saturday, June 29 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church beginning at 11:00am.

Jerry will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her loving spirit and the beautiful memories she leaves behind will forever remain in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jerry's name to the Buckhannon Animal Shelter, 318 Mud Lick Rd, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life gathering

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
35 Franklin Street
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Shauna Sayres Farr lit a candle in memory of Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus*



Shauna Sayres Farr - October 30, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus.*



June 26, 2024 at 09:52 AM

WP

“ *Wayne Shelley and Connor Palkovic purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus.*



Wayne Shelley and Connor Palkovic - June 24, 2024 at 10:24 PM

SH

“ *How blessed I have been to have Jerry in my Life since I was very young. She was hysterically funny and witty and also such a caring soul. She always found time to send cards and prayers cards to me and I will cherish her forever. Love you forever ❤️*



Shelley - June 24, 2024 at 10:14 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. Being her neighbor for my entire life was a privilege. No matter where she saw me she always stopped to chat. We were never short on conversation between the 2 of us! If anyone needed to know something in the neighborhood they shays said that one of the two of us would know...lol. She will most certainly be missed. She was never without a smile or stories of her grandkids and granddog. Matt gif wrap his arms around you got peace and comfort.

JackCrissyLeviMyers(Emma Lou Carla Marsh - June 23, 2024 at 05:51 PM

WW

“ Every time I ran into Jerry, she brought a deep sense of joy into my heart. Sharing in your sadness but knowing she is in a glorious place. So deeply sorry,

William and Brenda Hosaflok Wells - June 22, 2024 at 09:16 AM

WW

“ William and Brenda Hosaflok Wells purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus.



William and Brenda Hosaflok Wells - June 22, 2024 at 09:05 AM

DH

“ Jeff and I are so very sorry to hear about Jerry. She was such a special person with a "wickedly" hilarious sense of humor!!!
Very fond memories of Jerry and Bill, visiting them at their home and going camping with them among other things.
She will be missed so much!!!

Dee Hefner - June 21, 2024 at 05:29 PM

CW

“ Carolyn W. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus.



Carolyn W. - June 20, 2024 at 08:10 PM

CW

“ Carolyn W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus.

Carolyn W. - June 20, 2024 at 08:10 PM

TB

“ So sorry, Sara and family. Jerry was such fun when she worked at Stone and Thomas. She would let Christopher sit on the counter and play with the cash register! She always had a fun story when I ran into her. Jerry was a great lady❤️

Terrie Brady - June 20, 2024 at 07:25 PM

TR

“ It is a privilege to have known and shared life stories with both Jerry and Bill. Jerry could always light up my day.

Timothy Reese.O.D. - June 20, 2024 at 04:05 PM

SK

“ I will miss you my sweet and wonderful friend! We have had so many fun times together! You are gone but I promise you will never be forgotten! Love you and will miss you!

Sharon Kimble - June 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM

TT

“ What sweet lady & neighbor for many years! She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. My Mom (Phyllis Holloway) & her were friends for a long time. Sadly Mom passed away too last Friday (June 14th). “Mrs Stankus” had a bright happy smile at all times & always willing to talk & ask about Mom every time we saw each other.



Teresa (Holloway) Teter - June 20, 2024 at 10:26 AM

JH

“ The world has lost a beautiful person...I loved Jerry! My sincere condolences to the family.

Joyce Hoover - June 20, 2024 at 10:07 AM

CP

“ Such an amazing and classy lady! I will forever remember her cat stories; such a big heart for her fur babies. She will be missed for sure. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Clay and Karen Persinger - June 19, 2024 at 10:11 PM

LH

“ Steve, Sara, and family. We are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers.

Lori Ulderich Harvey - June 19, 2024 at 08:45 PM

DL

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Dr. Sara Lewis-Stankus - June 19, 2024 at 07:14 PM

CP

Wonderful pictures☐

Clay and Karen Persinger - June 19, 2024 at 10:12 PM

SR

Have laughed for years Jerry would tell something and say “Don’t say anything but if someone else tells you say Jerry already told me.” Always lots of laughs and a great neighbor. Boys and family sorry for your loss. We will certainly miss her.

Shirley,Natalie& Lisa Reeder - June 20, 2024 at 07:18 PM

VW

“ Vickie Walton lit a candle in memory of Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus



Vickie Walton - June 19, 2024 at 12:34 PM

CB

“ *Cathy And Kenny Bonner lit a candle in memory of
Jeraldine Loree "Jerry" Stankus*



Cathy and Kenny Bonner - June 19, 2024 at 10:47 AM