



## Geraldine M. Billis

November 28, 1932 - February 19, 2018

### Geraldine “Geri” Billis

Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and dear friend, Geri Billis, age 85, passed away February 19, 2018, in Draper, Utah.

She was born November 28, 1932, to Henry and Bernice (Spah) Merfeld in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Geri was one of nine siblings. She was so grateful to have traveled “home” to Wisconsin to visit with her tight knit extended family in October 2017.

Geri married Thomas Billis in La Crosse on November 10, 1951. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary just before his passing a year ago. The most important thing in her life was being a mother to her four children as well as a grandmother and great grandmother. She loved giving to others and put that love into every card, gift, and batch of cookies she baked. She was always up for a shopping trip or lunch out with “the girls,” and never missed a birthday.

Geri was a member of the Catholic Church and attended St. John the Baptist Parish in Draper, Utah, at the time of her death. Throughout her life, she was an active member and devoted servant to her Catholic faith which meant the world to her. One of her last requests was to have the Anointing of the Sick by

her parish priest, Father Rick Sherman.

Geri was an avid bridge player. She would play with a small group of women in the West Valley City area and enjoyed herself completely because they “wanted to have fun and weren’t too competitive.” More often than not, she won “low” which meant a couple dollars worth of pennies.

Geri was given the devastating diagnosis of an aggressive form of cancer just 12 days before her passing. The amazing tender mercy was she never experienced any pain right up to the moment she went home to meet her Savior and her loved ones. Geri’s family want to thank the Valeo Hospice nurses who were so instrumental in making her final days comfortable and calm, and for their quick attention to every need of both the patient and her family.

Geri is survived by her children, Michael Billis, Cynthia (Lynn) Powell, and Cheryl (Jeff) Lowry; 4 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; brothers, Paul “Pickle” Merfeld, Francis “Butch” (Juanita) Merfeld, Lawrence “Skip” (Mary) Merfeld, David (Susan) Merfeld; sister, Kay Vigdal; and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Daniel Billis; 2 granddaughters; 2 great grandsons; brother, Thomas Merfeld, Sr.; and 2 sisters Corrine “Corky” Lounsborough and Margarite Mary Merfeld.

A viewing will be held at 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Serenity Funeral Home of Draper, 12278 S. Lone Peak Pkwy, Draper, UT. Graveside services to follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 1342 East 500 South, Salt Lake City.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Mount Olivet Cemetery  
1342 East 500 South,  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

# Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine M. Billis*

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**Serenity Funeral Home** - February 22, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ *Maureen Shea lit a candle in memory of Geraldine M. Billis*



**Maureen Shea** - February 22, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ *Paula Wirth lit a candle in memory of Geraldine M. Billis*



**Paula Wirth** - February 21, 2018 at 11:28 PM

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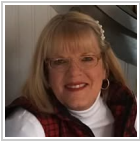
*So happy that you coming back to La Crosse was a special reason for many of us family to also come. It's a memory I'll hold very dear.*

**Paula Wirth** - February 21, 2018 at 11:32 PM



*It was such a wonderful trip for Mom and Jeff and I. Now that special feeling and also gratitude have been multiplied a hundred fold. You all have a special place in my heart, too.*

**Cheryl Lowry** - February 22, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ Mom,

*I just want you to know that having you live with us this past year was such a privilege. We will miss you so much. Please hug my daughter and my brother for me. Hug Inndia and the boys. So glad for all the tender mercies we were blessed with over these past 2 weeks. I am so grateful for the reunion you're having. I know you'll be watching over us. You're my Angel Mother. I love you with all my heart. 'Til we meet again.....*

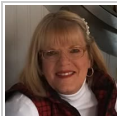
*All my love,  
Cheryl*

**Cheryl Lowry** - February 20, 2018 at 08:38 PM

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*said so beautifully*

**Jennifer Reid** - February 20, 2018 at 10:31 PM



*Love you, Jennifer.*

**Cheryl Lowry** - February 22, 2018 at 09:48 AM