



Betty Ann Gerhard

March 22, 1934 - July 11, 2025

Betty Ann (Sealander) Gerhard, 91 years of age, devoted wife, cherished mother, and beloved Meme of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Evergreen Meadows in Norway, Michigan.

She was born March 22, 1934, in Gross, Michigan, daughter of the late Christ and Nettie (Erickson) Sealander, and graduated from Escanaba High School in 1952. After graduation, Betty attended business school, and was employed at Escanaba Paper Mill. Betty married James William Gerhard on September 10, 1955 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba, MI. They lived in Two Rivers, WI before moving to Iron Mountain in 1960. Betty worked for 30 years at the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District before retiring in 1995. Betty was an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir for over 25 years and was a member of the Ladies Church Circle. She was a dedicated member of P.E.O. having received her 60 year pin last year. Betty enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, cooking wonderful meals, playing cards, had a quick wit and kind heart, and loved to redecorate their home.

Betty is survived by her four children, Beth (Milan) Coburn, Valparaiso, IN, Susan (Jeffrey) Saholt, Apple Valley, MN, Judy (Daniel) Ryan, Coon Rapids, MN, and Robert Gerhard, Iron Mountain; thirteen grandchildren, Eric (Allison)

Coburn, Matthew (Jessica) Coburn, Paul (Shalia) Coburn, Melissa (Thomas) Schiroo, Chloe Saholt, Gabriella Saholt, Jonathan Saholt, Callie Ryan, Hannah (Grant) Herschberger, Adam (Miranda) Gerhard, Abby (Tristan) Poss, Nathan (Makayla Meise) Gerhard, and Charles (Faith Bal) Gerhard; ten great grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, James, and brothers Marvin (Laverne) Sealander, Edward (Mary) Sealander, and George (Hazel) Sealander, and sister Alice Norman.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 16th from 9 – 11 AM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain. The funeral service will begin at 11 after the visitation. Luncheon to follow service. The Reverend Nicholas Hopman will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park, Iron Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, PEO Chapter AN, or charity of your choice in memory of Betty.

Friends may leave a tribute for Betty's family at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

JUL 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
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Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ I worked with Betty my senior year of high school at the DIISD. I did keep in touch after I moved but lost touch in recent years. My condolences to her family. She was a wonderful person, she will be missed.

Kory (Syrjanen) Johnson

Kory Johnson - July 18, 2025 at 11:26 AM

EV

“ Condolences to the Gerards. I loved Betty. Ufdah, Beth you and I had 2 of the best Moms. much love Ellen



ellen vanlaanen - July 15, 2025 at 02:00 PM

JO

“ I absolutely adored Betty and her love for Jesus. She was a joy to sing with in the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church choir and that is when I first had the chance to connect with her. She was a faithful servant and a true beacon of hope for our community. I have a special memory of her bringing her grandson Charlie to choir when he was in high school and now my children have the pleasure of having him as their teacher and coach. I am a better person because of Betty and blessed she is rejoicing in heaven. Love and prayers to the entire Gerhard family.

Jonathan - July 15, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Gerhard.*



July 14, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ *Jack and Maria Horner purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Ann Gerhard.*



Jack and Maria Horner - July 14, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ *Jack and Maria Horner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Ann Gerhard.*

Jack and Maria Horner - July 14, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ *Dear Family, we are so sorry to hear that one of our "neighborhood moms" has passed away. Mrs, Gerhard, Betty was such a lovely person and we have great memories of growing up and spending time in your home. Your mother was always supportive and interested in the neighborhood kids. I will not forget her kindness when our own mother passed away in 2015. God Bless her and you. I'm so sorry that I am unable to attend her funeral. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely ,
Bob and Kitti Costa Colassacco*

Bob and Kitti Colassacco - July 14, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Gerhard.*



July 14, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Ann Gerhard.

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“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Gerhard.*



July 13, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Gerhard.*



July 12, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Ann Gerhard.

July 12, 2025 at 10:27 PM

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“ *The love of Jesus shown brightly through Aunt Betty. She was so loving and supportive, always quick with an encouraging word. She told the best stories of her parents and big brothers, sharing the funny moments of years gone by. Her family meant everything to her. Her children and grandchildren will cherish her memory.*

Ann Simoson - July 12, 2025 at 12:36 PM