



Geraldine 'Gerry' Ringa

February 23, 1929 - May 16, 2025

Geraldine “Gerry” Frances Ringa, 96 of Chicago, Illinois, passed away at her home on May 16, 2025.

Geraldine was born in Chicago in 1929 to Dr John Ringa and Frances Ringa (nee Sokolowski). She enjoyed her childhood with her older brother Kenneth, having fond memories of spending family time at the lake and summers with extended family in Alton, Illinois. Nicknamed “Fudgie”, she attended Reilly Elementary School in Chicago, where she met her lifelong friend Dorothy Schmidt (nee Wroblewski) in kindergarten and later attended Carl Schurz High School, graduating in 1947.

Gerry was a loyal employee of Ernst & Young for over 37 years until her retirement in 1991. Navigating the many evolutions from Ernst & Ernst, Ernst & Whinney and finally Ernst & Young she helped to establish the data processing center prior to her retirement in 1991. Gerry and her mother Frances, having moved to Fox Lake relocated back to the Edison Park neighborhood in 1965 where she maintained her residence until her death.

She helped establish the HomeOwners Association in 1967 and remained an active member of the board into her 90’s. Gerry took pride in establishing the courtyard garden and the many beautification projects over 7 decades. Enjoying her travels throughout the United States and around the world, she would reminisce about the trips she took with her travel companion Lorraine Ringa.

Her passion for the game of golf kept her active well into her later years. Gerry was an accomplished golfer and enjoyed hitting the links whenever she could. She was proud of her game and gained many friendships through her play.

Gerry remained independent until her death but found joy in her relationship with her goddaughter Denise and especially Bob Lampen whose loving care and endless efforts helped her live out her days in her home. Gerry never lost her stylish flair; looking forward to her trips to the beauty salon, getting her ears pierced and buying a new pair of shoes.

She will be missed by many family members including her dear cousin Adrienne Stuart (nee Prusinski) and neighbors, being remembered for her spunky spirit.

Gerry was preceded in death by her father, Dr John Ringa, her mother Frances Ringa (nee Sokolowski) and brother Kenneth Ringa along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday June 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S Washington Ave, Park Ridge, IL. with graveside interment at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PGA Hope: <https://give.pgareach.org/give/650624/#!/donation/checkout>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Paul Of The Cross Church
320 S Washington Ave
Park Ridge, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry we didn't keep in touch with Gerry over these many years. She was indeed an amazing woman and a great role mode. From Dan and Judy Sokolowski (Dan is the son of the late Felix Sokolowski of Alton, IL) We now live in St. Joseph, MI.

Judith Sokolowski - May 26, 2025 at 12:24 PM