



Virginia Gerhardt

December 9, 1934 - January 9, 2026

Virginia M. Gerhardt of Lindenhurst, IL passed away at her home on January 9, 2026.

She was born in Highland Park on December 9, 1934, the youngest child of the late Albert and Fern Mecham. She was a resident of Lindenhurst for the past 54 years. She was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa.

She was born and raised in Highland Park, IL and graduated from Highland Park High School. She was a Girl Scout and Bible School Teacher and enjoyed playing the piano and summer family vacations in Minnesota. Her early career was in secretarial work until her marriage to William J. Gerhardt in 1955. She was a volunteer for scouting and supported physical therapy for children with profound disabilities. After raising four sons, she returned to work for the Lake Country Board of Realtors and later retired as an executive secretary at Abbott Laboratories.

She is survived by sons Bill (Sandy), Mark, Tim (Kathy) and John. She was the proud grandmother of Sarah, Aaron, Samantha, T.J., Jonathan, Ray and Zack as well as grandchildren Leander, Ferryn, Alex, Levi, Chloe, Maverick, Logan and Halen.

She was preceded in death by her husband William, brother Albert Jr., 'Sonny' (Sally) and sister Lois (Jerry).

Visitation will be at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. (Rte. 83), Lake Villa, IL 60046, on Friday January 16th from 6-8 PM. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday January 17th at Prince of Peace Church, 135 S Milwaukee Ave (Rte. 83), Lake Villa, IL. Please meet directly at church on Saturday. Interment will be at Northshore Garden of Memories, 1801 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Paralyzed Veterans of America or the Doctors Without Borders.

Cemetery Details

Northshore Garden of Memories

1801 Green Bay Rd
North Chicago, IL 60064

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so deeply sorry for your loss, your mother was a wonderful person who touched the lives of many. May you find strength and solace in your memories you shared together

William George Thomsen - January 19 at 07:38 AM

EG

“ So sorry for the passing of Virginia. I've enjoyed knowing her through the years. I've contributed to Doctors Without Borders in her honor.

Erich Grubert - January 14 at 05:55 PM

EG

“ Erich Grubert lit a candle in memory of Virginia Gerhardt



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CJ

“ So very sorry for your loss....she was such a beautiful person inside and out. She was a pleasure to know...Chris and Don Jackson

Chris Jackson - January 12 at 02:50 PM