



## Yvonne M Gapinski

March 24, 1934 - February 4, 2022

Yvonne Gapinski, age 87, passed peacefully on Friday, February 4th, 2022 at her home in Lake Villa, Illinois.

Yvonne was born to John and Mary Ahles of St. Cloud, Minnesota on March 24th, 1934. Her siblings include Alred (Mary) Ahles, Celestine (George) Pappenfus, Marcella Ahles, Timothy (Joyce) Ahles, & Roland (Julie) Ahles.

While working at the telephone company, she was introduced to the love of her life, Sylvester Gapinski. On August 25, 1955, Sy & Yvonne married in Minnesota before briefly living in Texas, eventually settling in Illinois to raise their family. Together they raised eight children, four girls & four boys. After having seven kids in 11 years, God granted them a 10 year break before blessing them with child # 8. They are Judy (Bruce) Gyllin, Susan (Robin) Liddell, Calvin (Jeannie) Gapinski, Carol (Richard) Jackson, Ken (Susan) Gapinski, Karl (Jenny) Gapinski, Mark Gapinski, & Kathleen (Jason) Peters. She had 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Yvonne had a firm open door policy where family & friends could always be seen sitting at the kitchen table. Yvonne had a knack for being able to feed an undetermined amount of people at a moment's notice. A full house was a happy house. Yvonne thrived on company & visits.

The ultimate sustainable woman, Yvonne reused, repurposed, and only if the first two failed, did she recycle. Alongside Sy, she kept a huge garden, feeding her family fresh foods during the summer & preserving canned goods for later. Feeding squirrels and watching birds kept her entertained once she became an empty nester. Her home had big picture windows & she surrounded her kitchen view with feeders. We wonder if the squirrels reminded her of her kids. Always doing something crazy!

Yvonne liked to keep her hands busy. In addition to commanding the household, Yvonne liked to paint ceramics, crafting miniature flowers for dollhouses & quilting. She was a magnificent seamstress making clothes for her family & mending for all. If you came into the house with a rip, she would have the needle and thread out before you could blink! In her later years, Yvonne had a passion for crocheting pot holders. Her favorite baby shower gift was a homemade baby blanket. She shared her talents with all whom she met.

Since 1963, Yvonne has been a devoted member of Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa. For years she vacuumed the parish, straightened the Gather books before Sunday mass, prepared school lunches and volunteered on bingo nights. She loved joining the Senior Club for lunches.

Yvonne (Wife, Sister, Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Aunt & Friend) you are much loved & will be much missed. As we pass by your kitchen window, we'll be sure to wave.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 3:00-7:00 pm at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL. Additional visitation will take place on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 9 - 10 am at Prince of Peace Church 135 S. Milwaukee Ave with mass starting at 10:00 am. Mass will be live-streamed at [facebook.com/RingaFH](https://facebook.com/RingaFH). Burial will follow at

Willow Lawn Cemetery in Vernon Hills, IL.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Second Visitation

FEB **10**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM.

[facebook.com/RingaFH](https://www.facebook.com/RingaFH)

## Mass

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM (cst)

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

## Burial

FEB 10 (CT)

Willow Lawn Memorial Park  
24090 US-45  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

# Tribute Wall



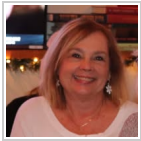
“ Yvonne M Gapinski

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Yvonne M Gapinski

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ I did a Google search for Yvonne today and see she passed. My sympathies to the family. I'm hoping Susan may remember me (our family)? Our father, Charles Rutkowski served in the army with your father. We live in Maryland. We visited you in August 1971 when the 7 of us did a 2-week road trip. I was pen pals with Judy (for many years) and visited her, Bruce and the boys around 1988 with my two children. Bruce contacted me when she passed in 2009. My father, Charles, passed away Nov 29, 2015 and my mother, Loretta, passed this year as well on May 21, 2022. I remember how welcoming your mom and father were when we visited in 1971. For some reason, I remember the back yard/driveway where there was a picnic table. We must've spent a long, lazy afternoon out there? Probably because she served a delicious dinner?? Anyway, I am sorry for your loss and hope you are all doing well. I am thankful we live in this age of technology where I am able to contact you so easily.

Lorrie Rutkowski Erdman

Lorrie Erdman - August 13, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Yvonne M Gapinski.*



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February 08, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *The Gapinski family  
I am so sorry about your loss of mother she is peace no more suffering now she joined with Uncle Sy ,Richard, Theresa,Bonnie,Ryan and other family who passed away too in Haven God Blessed to all my cousin love Mary Jo from MN I will be thinking of you*

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**Mary Jo** - February 08, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yvonne M Gapinski.*



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February 08, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each one of you at this difficult time. I have fond memories of your family during my time with you at Prince of Peace. And especially of Judy and Bruce's wedding (when we were all much younger.)Peace and love to each of you.*

*Father Merold*

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**Father Merold** - February 08, 2022 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Ingredients Inc & Barentz Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Yvonne M Gapinski.*



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**Ingredients Inc & Barentz Family** - February 08, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yvonne M Gapinski.*



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February 07, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *I volunteer at prince of peace with the school children. I will miss seeing her at the savvy senior luncheon every month. I so enjoyed surprising her.*

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**Sharon Peters** - February 07, 2022 at 12:49 PM

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“ *The Roland Ahles Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Yvonne M Gapinski.*



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**The Roland Ahles Family** - February 07, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Yvonne M Gapinski.* ”



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February 07, 2022 at 09:04 AM