



## Geraldine Delores Miles

December 19, 1935 - September 24, 2022

Geraldine Delores “Geri” Miles, 86, of Sterling Heights, died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Troy Beaumont Hospital following a stroke suffered during a serious infection of unknown origin.

Geri was born Dec. 19, 1935, in Detroit to Ignatius and Virginia Strzalka, the fifth of six children. She attended St. Andrew High School and became known for racing, and beating, the boys down Telegraph Avenue. She met Walter Miles while working at Detroit Edison. While accompanying friends who were searching for a house, Walter and Geri toured a model home in Madison Heights that required a \$10 deposit. Walter had only \$5, so he asked her for the balance.

His proposal accepted, they wed on July 26, 1958 in Detroit, and had two children while living in Madison Heights, later moved to Troy, and had a third child after moving to Midland in 1970.

Meanwhile, Geri earned her real estate license, became active in local politics, 4H and other activities.

After returning to Metro Detroit in 1981, she worked for Services Rating Organization in Birmingham, in word processing for Coopers & Lybrand in Detroit and Physicians Physical Therapy Services (PPTS) in Southfield, and later worked in admissions for Autumn Woods Health Care Facility in Warren. After relocating to Sterling Heights, she was active at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, where she served as a lector and volunteer on the funeral committee. At home, she focused her attention on her beloved boxer mix,

Lady, her grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Walter; children Susan (Mark) Jaruzel, Gary (Dorothy) Miles and MollyJo Tholen; grandchildren Sarah, Jesse and Miles Tholen; Isaac, Aurelia, Evangeline and Finnian Miles; and brother Kenneth (Mary) Strzalka.

She was preceded in death by siblings Virginia, Rosalie, Frank and Eugene Strzalka.

Visitation will be 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at E.J. Mandziuk & Son in Sterling Heights; Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at St. Jane Frances DeChantal Catholic Church, 38750 Ryan Rd. in Sterling Heights, with funeral Mass to follow at 10 a.m.

# Previous Events

## Instate

SEP 28. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

## Mass of the Resurrection

SEP 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church  
38750 Ryan Rd  
Sterling Heights, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine Delores Miles*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Geraldine Delores Miles*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.*



September 26, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ *The Bourdet Family purchased the Strength & So lace Spray for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.*



**The Bourdet Family** - September 26, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



September 26, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



September 26, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



September 26, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ Thomas Family & Schutte Family purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



**Thomas Family & Schutte Family** - September 26, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



September 26, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



September 26, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Geraldine D. Miles*



**Gary Miles** - September 26, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *The DeHayes Family* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



**The DeHayes Family** - September 26, 2022 at 12:41 PM



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September 26, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ Walt, Gary, Sue and Molly I am so sorry on the loss of your mom. I will miss her so much. I always enjoyed our friendship and talking to her and catching up on all of you. She loved you all so much.

*Ellen Baldwin*

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**Ellen Baldwin** - September 26, 2022 at 12:06 PM



*Thanks Ellen. I know you meant so much to her as well.*

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**Molly Tholen** - September 26, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ Brother Ken and Mary Strzalka purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.



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**Brother Ken and Mary Strzalka** - September 26, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.*



September 26, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.*



September 26, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ *Dana, Bruce, Jenni, Kipp, Joel, Kyle & Jon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.*



**Dana, Bruce, Jenni, Kipp, Joel, Kyle & Jon** - September 25, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *The Strzalka Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Geraldine Delores Miles.*



**The Strzalka Family** - September 25, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Geraldine Delores Miles*.



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September 25, 2022 at 05:15 PM