



## Gertrud Anna Klager

May 8, 1929 - December 2, 2020

Gertrud A. Klager, better known as Gerti, was born in Lollar, Germany on May 8, 1929. She came to the United States with her husband PFC. William James and they settled in Saline, MI. William James preceded her in death December 1960. Gerti then moved to Bridgewater, MI with her second husband Lloyd S. Klager, who also preceded her in death February 1969. Gerti was one of 5 sisters, late Margarta of Maryland, late Hedwig of Minnesota, Irene of Germany and Irmgard of Australia. Gerti is also survived by her three children, Mary (late Vic) Izzo, Ronald (Kathy) James and Trudy (Russell) San Nicolas; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Gerti was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater, MI. She enjoyed being a Sunday School Teacher for over 25 years, singing in the choir and being a member of the Mary-Martha Circle Women's Bible Study Group. Living right across from the church, Gerti was also the "unofficial watchdog" for the church, always knowing about church happenings. Gerti loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved traveling especially to Florida and California. Gerti loved to knit; probably some of you have received a knitted scarf from her. Gerti loved her Hallmark Movies and loved decorating for Christmas. She had been known to keep up her decorations until February! Many people know Gerti from working at Comerica Bank or after she retired, working at Tim Horton's where she greeted her regulars with a smile and a cup of coffee. Her family wishes to extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Saline Evangelical Home and Arbor Hospice for their dedicated care and compassion in caring for Gerti. In lieu of flowers, if you wish to make a memorial contribution to St. John's Lutheran Church or EHM Senior Solutions, 440 W. Russell St., Saline, MI 48176. Please include in memory of Gertrud Klager on your donation. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 11:30 A.M. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater, MI with a viewing starting at 11:00 A.M. Interment will take place at St. John Cemetery immediately following the services. Pastor Drexel Morton will be officiating. To leave a memory you have of Gerti, to sign her guestbook or for directions, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery

8805 Austin Road  
Bridgewater, MI 48115

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 7. 12:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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8805 Austin Road  
Bridgewater, MI 48115

## Visitation

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Bridgewater, MI 48115  
<http://stjohnbridgewater.org/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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DB

“ We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of Gerti. I worked with Gerti at Comerica Bank, then Manufacturers Bank for many years. She was a kind, caring person that was also very fun loving. The highlight of our day was our 15 minute breaks when we played 6 handed Euchre. So much fun, so many laughs. I will also forever remember the Christmas parties she had for the employees at her home. So much fun and the best home made wine ever! I have many fond memories of Gerti. She was a great person and true friend.

Dennis and Dianna Bennett - December 04, 2020 at 02:26 PM

RL

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family, Mrs. Klager was a kind and sweet lady. We always enjoyed when she waited on us at Tim Horton's. May memories and her love be a source of peace.  
Sincerely, Roger and Ruth Lockwood

Roger & Ruth Lockwood - December 03, 2020 at 05:07 PM

KC

“ I worked with Gerti back in the late 80's at Comerica Bank (back then it was Manufacturers Bank). She was a teller and it was my high school co-op job. She had such a personality. Even when she tried to be firm (mad doesn't suit her personality) she was still a kind soul. Loved her accent. I recall a day in the lunch room when we were discussing lottery numbers and every number we recalled seeing on the news the prior night, Gerti swore was on her ticket. Turned out, if memory serves me right, she had like 5 of 6 numbers and had to go to Lansing to collect her winnings. I am so blessed to have known and worked with her. Prayers to her family. RIP Gerti <3.

Kim Cabildo - December 03, 2020 at 04:37 PM

CK

“ Gertie was a wonderful lady, always had a smile and a contagious laugh. She enjoyed talking about her family and the fun times they shared. We know she is busy making her way around heaven, talking and laughing with everyone she sees.  
The memories will stay in your hearts forever and remind you the love she had for her family, friends and life.  
God's blessing's of comfort and peace,  
Gary and Carol Kind



Carol Kind - December 03, 2020 at 01:57 PM