



Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall

October 13, 1941 - April 24, 2020

Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall, longtime Bartlesville resident, died Friday in her hometown. She was 78, and though born in Germany, spent most of her life in America where she was blessed with love and family.

Gerti was born the daughter of Emil and Karoline (Pachner) Tausch on Oct. 13, 1941, in Friedberg-Sudetenland, Germany, the Army Home of Elvis Presley. Gerti grew up in war-torn Germany with her mother, brother and sister - her father never returned from the war. Gerti married an American soldier Jim Wyler and one precious daughter Debby was born to this union. They moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1964 to start their new life, but Jim left Gerti and Debby shortly after arriving.

Gerti was a single mom who wanted the best for her child and worked hard to put Debby through a good Catholic school. She decided in 1980 that the two of them would move to Dewey, OK, to be closer to Gerti's sister Frieda. Gerti started work with Phillips Petroleum and later with Applied Automation. She also worked several years at the Walmart bakery before retiring. Gerti was introduced to Johnnie Henshall by his daughter Kimberly, and they hit it off so well that they wed on June 24, 1983. They enjoyed 36 years of loving marriage together before Johnnie preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 2019.

Gerti loved country music and watching the live bands out at the casino. She

was the #1 fan of her beloved “Rockin Johnnie” and his karaoke renditions of Amarillo By Morning, Silver Wings and Hello Darling. Johnnie was a longtime member and Past President of the Fraternal Order of The Eagles Aerie 610 so he and Gerti enjoyed traveling to Eagles conventions throughout the country from New York to Washington state. They always had fun together - whether it was going to Branson, MO, eating at Murphy’s or calling bingo. Gerti captured her favorite moments with pictures and loved showing them to others. Visiting with friends and collecting Beanie Babies were her passions, and she spent countless hours keeping up with everyone on the phone and looking for special Beanie Babies to give away as gifts. Most of all, Gerti loved her family on both sides of the Atlantic, and she will be dearly missed.

Gerti is survived by three children, Debby Gehrke and Tim of Broken Arrow, Kenny Henshall and Cristy of Bartlesville, and Kimberly Henshall and Darrell of Nowata; one brother Emil Tausch and Petra of Germany, one sister Frieda Kay of Dewey; seven grandchildren, Chett Gehrke and Devin, Chadd Gehrke and Hillary, Dalton Henshall and Cassie, Kaylee Replogle and Justin, Isabella Baughman, Kyle Scheer and Zachary Scheer; three great grandchildren, Nolan, Lily, and Cadence; nephew Joshua Jones and Cashmere; nephew James Kay; niece Stephanie Mata and boyfriend David; and a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and loving husband Johnnie.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, 10-8 and Thursday, 9-1 at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd, Bartlesville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the Walker Brown Chapel. Interment will follow in the White Rose Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be

shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

White Rose

804 west 11th st
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://www.cityofbartlesville.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall*



Davis Family Funeral Home - April 28, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *I met Gerti many years ago and had a wonderful bond immediately. We talked of Germany a lot because I had lived there growing up. She always had a big smile for me. We lost track of each other and I am sad I did not see her again. I will sit and visit with her again one day. RIP Gertie.*

Vicky Morton - May 05, 2020 at 01:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall.*



April 29, 2020 at 07:58 PM

CW

“ *Connie Williams lit a candle in memory of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall*



Connie Williams - April 29, 2020 at 12:06 AM

CW

Gerti was a neighbor I met Gerti and Debby on Penn Ave. I know that Gerti is in Heaven with her husband John.

Connie Williams - April 29, 2020 at 12:10 AM

NH

“ *I met Gerti working with her at Applied Automation. She was always proud of her Daughter and family...RIP Gerti...
Naomi Hudson*

Naomi Hudson - April 28, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall.*



April 28, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall.*



April 28, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Prayers to your family... may you Rest In Peace with John and spend all eternity together.. I always enjoyed our chats at the casino or bingo and when we would set our trash out late at night. 🙏*
Your neighbor, Sharla snow Reynolds

sharla Reynolds - April 28, 2020 at 06:32 AM



“ *Gerti and I became friends when she came to work at Applied Automation back in 1981, we've had a lot of good times together. Watching our grandkids grow up and going dancing and Branson and she loved the casino! I know she's happy now with John, no more stress. Gerti this is not goodbye I will see you later. Love you my sweet friend.*

Linda Werts - April 27, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *I met Gerti and John when I worked at Weezes, so many memories of her chasing me around the cafe to show me the newest picture or one I'd seen before, I witnessed daily, her love for her family. They were like Grandparents to me, love them both*

Jada Hobson - April 27, 2020 at 08:36 PM

DM

“ *Darlene And Michael Merlo lit a candle in memory of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall*



Darlene and Michael Merlo - April 27, 2020 at 06:07 PM

KH

“ *You taught me how to play yahtzee and helped me learn to add. You always had a wonderful sense of clothes coordination which I didn't inherit lol. You made me this German cheesecake when I was little that I will forever remember. And I'll also never forget your love for sweets!!!*



Kimberly Henshall - April 27, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ *You have been in my life since I was 2 years old. I spent a lot of time with you and Uncle Johnnie growing up. I love you both with all my heart. The time I remember the most is when Uncle Johnnie would go to his eagles meeting on Thursday night and you would come get me and take me out to eat and then buy me a little something before you took me home. I am glad I grew up close to you guys and knew how much you loved me. You loved babies and kids so much the joy that showed on your face when you held a baby was so sweet. Gabe is going to miss you too. He remembers every ty beanie baby or plush you gave him and they are his favorites and he usually sleeps with one of them every night. I love you give Uncle Johnnie a hug and kiss on the cheek for me. We will be reunited again someday.*

Stephanie Jones Mata - April 27, 2020 at 01:20 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Henshall lit a candle in memory of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall



Kimberly Henshall - April 26, 2020 at 09:52 PM

LX

“ Love & prayers from your family in Texas XOXOXO purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall.



Love & prayers from your family in Texas XOXOXO - April 26, 2020 at 12:25 PM

IB

“ I love you so much Grandma Gerti, I will miss you! 😭



Isabella Baughman - April 25, 2020 at 11:10 PM

JB

“ Judy Blevins lit a candle in memory of Gertraud "Gerti" Henshall



Judy Blevins - April 25, 2020 at 10:36 AM