



## Dolores Rae Gerding

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Dolores Rae “Dolly” (Fehrenbacher) Gerding went home to the Lord on October 4, 2020. Born November 6, 1928 to Henry and Caroline Fehrenbacher in Milton, Oregon. She grew up on her Dad and Mom’s farm in Troutdale, Oregon; graduating from Corbett High School. She met her life-long soulmate and husband Henry E. “Hank” Gerding in Corvallis. Dolores and Hank were married in Corvallis on July 5, 1948, spending 51 years of loving life together before Hank passed away in 1999. She and Hank lived on a ranch southwest of Philomath, raising their six children there. On the ranch she survived Hank and the family raising cattle, hogs, chickens, and turkeys. She stayed home raising the children until they reached teenage years and then she worked at the family store, Gerding’s Grocery & Feed in Corvallis, until the store was sold in 1979. Dolly then worked at The Old World Deli in Corvallis until she retired in 1994. Dolores was a modest, talented artist who enjoyed drawing and painting, sharing her art works with family. She still drew and painted at age 91. She was a warm, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and friend. Her door was always open and over the years many, many kids would drop in and spend the night rather than risk late night on the roads. She was a beloved member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church for 72 years. Her and Hank were long-time chaperones for the Catholic Youth Organization.

Dolly is survived by sons Ed (Rosie), Greg (Judy), Tim (Kelly), Terry (Yedaly), Tom (Debbie), and daughter Peggy (Frank – passed); 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

The family wishes a special “thank you” to the Stoney Brook Assisted Living staff and the Serenity Hospice staff.

A family-private service is planned immediately and a public celebration of life will be scheduled next year when COVID permits. McHenry Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Mary's Cemetery**

Corvallis, OR

# Tribute Wall

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“ We just heard about Aunt Dolores this afternoon.  
An absolutely wonderful, funny, talented, sweet-natured lady who  
will be truly missed.  
Rest in Jesus, Aunt Dolores.  
Mike and Brenda Grey. Sidney Montana

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**Mike and Brenda Grey (Dolores' nephew)** - October 11, 2020 at 06:58 PM

DH

“ Sorry to hear of your family's loss. Our thoughts are with you during  
this time.  
Dee Dee (Fehrenbacher) and Jim Hale

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**Dee Dee Hale** - October 09, 2020 at 04:22 PM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Gerding family at this time.*

*I remember Dolores being the great wrestling mom she was always there with support and cheer making sure all of us wrestling highschool kids had what we need.*

*The great memories we have of Dolores helping with many things will always be in my mind. Daniel L. Brockamp*

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**Daniel L. Brockamp** - October 09, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Butler lit a candle in memory of Dolores Rae Gerding*



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**Lisa Butler** - October 09, 2020 at 03:15 AM

CF

“ *Sorry to hear of your family's loss, my sincerest condolences. May she rest in peace for all eternity.*

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**Chana L Frederick** - October 08, 2020 at 12:26 PM

DS

“ *It was a pleasure being Dolly's Nurse over the last 3 years in many capacities. May Gods love, peace, and grace be with you all at this time of grief. We know she is in a better place and dancing with the Lord.*  
~ Nurse Deborah

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**Deborah S** - October 08, 2020 at 12:10 PM



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - October 07, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ We are thinking and remembering the joy that was your mother. She was a true mom and you would know and feel that within 2 minutes of meeting her. Her pride and joy was her family and she was not shy about sharing that. I never knew what she might say and was sometimes shocked which I think she did on purpose. I hope she rests in peace and enjoys her well earned rest.

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**Lynda Rowley** - October 06, 2020 at 01:47 PM