



Clara Marie Gangluff

April 1, 1934 - October 14, 2023

Clara Marie (Gunderman) Gangluff, 89, of St. Vincent, Ark., passed away Oct. 14, 2023. She was born April 1, 1934, to Margaret (Streit) and Frank Gunderman and was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, and 10 siblings. She is survived by three children, Charles (Janice) and Donna Briggler (Kevin) of St. Vincent, and Bill (Tracey) of Arlington, Va.; nine grandchildren, Amanda, Kathleen, Andrew, Jonathon, Lauren, Alison, Clayton, Holden and Gillian; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ray Gunderman of St. Vincent; and many other family, friends, and loved ones.

Clara worked for Morrilton Insurance Agency as an office manager throughout her career and was known for her care and advocacy for her clients and their needs. She served her church by teaching religious education classes to third-grade students for many years and actively participating in church events, including contributing her sought-after homemade goods.

While Gerald was chief of the volunteer fire department, Clara never questioned the frequent life interruptions, and she jumped into action hundreds of times when the in-home emergency monitor signaled a danger of fire, natural disaster or a medical event in the community. Her son, Charles, continues to lead the department to this day.

Even though she spent most of her adult life in St. Vincent with Gerald, she truly was a city girl from her formative years just 10 miles away in Morrilton. Clara prided herself on always being presentable — the business suit, her hair washed and styled weekly and a regular color and perm, a spritz of perfume,

and nails painted each Sunday night.

When she was diagnosed with dementia in 2018, Clara's worries about how her remaining life would unfold were evident. She wrote notes and left them around her home to remind her. One early note encapsulated her greatest fear — "I have dementia and eventually will not know anybody."

She wanted to live out her life as she had all of the years prior — with poise and presence. As failing health and age contributed to her passing, her family takes solace in the fact that she valiantly battled her disease and overcame her greatest concern. Clara kept her dignity throughout her final years. Weeks before her passing, she looked at her children and smiled. She knew them and saw her legacy in them.

The funeral mass will be held Tuesday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in St. Vincent, Arkansas, with Msgr. Jack D. Harris presiding. Burial at St. Mary Church Cemetery will follow. A Rosary will be held at the Harris Chapel at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, followed by visitation. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

2041 Highway 95
Hattieville, AR 72063

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT 16. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Visitation

OCT 16. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

OCT 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
11 Kaufman Ln.
Hattieville, AR 72063

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May all your memories with Ms Gangluff be a comforting blessing.

Susan Boe - November 05, 2023 at 09:47 PM

RH

“ Clara was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. I am terribly sorry for your loss.

Rhonda Hilburn - October 22, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ I KNOW THIS IS A SAD TIME IN YOUR LIVES AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF CLARA'S FAMILY. CLARA WAS A CLASS MATE OF MINE AT SACRED HEART, I SHAL MISS HER SWEET SMILE.

REST IN PEACE SWEET LADY. MAY THE ANGELS WELCOME YOU TO PARADISE DEAR FRIEND.

Frances Donaldson - October 16, 2023 at 05:52 PM

BG

Thank you Frances for sharing your thoughts with us. Bill (Clara's youngest son)

Bill Gangluff - October 19, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



October 16, 2023 at 04:17 PM



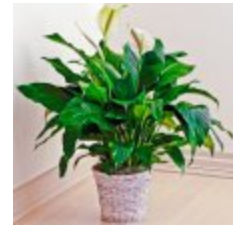
“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



October 16, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



October 16, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *CCUSA Marcom Team purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



CCUSA Marcom Team - October 16, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



October 16, 2023 at 07:15 AM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



October 15, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



October 15, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clara Marie Gangluff.*

October 15, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Gangluff.*



October 15, 2023 at 05:12 PM