



Ruth Gerst

November 4, 1943 - January 25, 2013

Ruth Ann Gerst, 69 of Zanesville, died 3:00 PM Friday, January 25, 2013 at her daughter's residence following a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born Thursday, November 4, 1943 in Zanesville, the daughter of Robert Long and Mary Louise (Adrian) Long. She married Andrew H. "Andy" Gerst on Tuesday, October 18, 1966 and was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Ruth Ann was a graduate of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing, retiring from Good Samaritan Hospital following many years of service as a registered nurse. She loved collecting Hallmark Ornaments, and enjoyed traveling. Ruth Ann was a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her family.

Ruth Ann is survived by her husband: Andy Gerst; one daughter: Susan Zemba of Zanesville; two sons: John (John Rodriguez) Gerst of Plano, TX and Kyle (Pam Eames) Gerst of Burlington, VT; three grandchildren: Dalton Zemba, Payton Zemba and Tucker Zemba; three brothers: Bill Long, Joe & Beth Long both of Zanesville and Tom & Jennifer Long of Rutland and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ruth Ann was preceded in death by one nephew: Tommy Long.

Friends may call from 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 PM Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at The Hillis Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Wednesday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic

Church, 144 North Fifth Street with Fr. Jordan Turano, OP as celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Morrison House Hospice, 713 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701 in Ruth Ann's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit the link at the top of this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Gerst*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Forever in my heart... Life will never be the same without you.*

Ann - February 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Ruthann. I worked with her at Good Sam and will always remember the laughter and fun she brought to our work days!! She always talked about her family and the love shined though. May your memories sustain you now.*

Melissa Paap - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ruth has been my dear friend since the first grade, we even attend Good Samaritan together. She was very devoted to her family and appreciated the wonderful care they gave her. She will be missed.*
Mary Ann Henderson

February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Susan and all her family. With Deepst Sympathy. Thinking of you in your hour of sorrow and extending heartfelt sympathy.*
Shirley Labaki and Family

January 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Ruth Ann was always the one with the smile. Her memory was amazing. She could recall events I had long forgotten. We met in 1961 in Nursing School, she was a great friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. We will miss you!*

Pauline - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Andy, Susan, and John, so sorry to hear about Ruth Ann's death. Have great memories of her on vacation with us at Lake Erie as our babysitter, and afterwards looking through her nursing books she brought when she sat for us at home..then Susan sitting for my kids and John helping them on the school bus. May your memories of happier family times bring you strength now and may you feel all the love and support from family and friends. Love and prayers, Martha Pfeifer Glass and family , Naples Fl.*

January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and for the repose of the soul of Ruth Ann. We have faith that her suffering has ended and that she rests in the comfort of our Lord and Saviour along with her friends and family.*

Mary Ann - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *ZEMBA FAMILY, WERE SORRY FOR THE LOSE OF A LOVED ONE, I REMEMBER HER FROM GROWING UP NEXT BLOCK OVER ON HAZEL AVE*

MIKE AND MISTY SIELIET - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Andy, Susie, John, Kyle and families, I am so sorry for your loss. Like Martha, we have so many wonderful memories of your wife, mother, grandmother. Reading these beautiful tributes to her there is little more I can add. I will always remember her sense of humor, she always found the funny side. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Christy Pfeifer Benincasa

January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss you! You'll be in my heart Always! Sonnie

January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy to Ruth's family. I worked with her at Good Samaritan many years ago and have fond memories. She was a wonderful person to work with and a great nurse.

Robin Noel - January 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ What a fun person Ruth Ann was to be around, her with such a great sense of humor. As her family & friends adapt to life without her, they will be comforted by the many smiles Ruth Ann brought to all our lives. My sincere condolences to her family for your loss.

Belita Ramsey - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I will Love You always!!!

Sonnie - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Ruth Ann's passing. She was such a sweet person. God has another Good angel in heaven. My deepest sympathy to her family. Mary Celestine Tabler

January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to you all. I met Ruth Ann at Good Samaritan in our nursing class. She was the one to never miss an alumni gathering and kept the rest of us informed on what was happening. Her sense of humor brightened a lot of otherwise ho-hum days and she'll be greatly missed. Praying for all of you for peace and strength during this time and for time together to recount your many special memories. Blessings to you all.

Madeline Fisher - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Susan and Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hold on to your memories, they will be what gets you through.

Mark and Michele Fisher - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to your family! Ruth Ann was deeply loved by all! Len Sangster Dallas, TX family

January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ To Andy and family, you have my deepest sympathy. My memory of Ruth Ann she was always laughing and could entertain anyone around her. Now she will reconnect with her longtime friend Rose Drobney, what a time they will have. God bless you all during these next few days, that God will give you the strength during these trying times.

Kim Ankrum - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Ruth Ann was my "little sister" when she entered Good Samaritan School of Nursing. I have many fond memories of the time I spent with her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sharon - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Susan & Family-You have our most sincere sympathy. Everyone is in our thoughts and prayers. Love and Prayers- Brian, Kelly, Abbey&Drew Mayfield

January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Mama Ruth was like family to us. We are so sorry. We want to wish the family peace. Kathy, Doug, Michael and Joanna, Megan, Seth, Hallie and Chris ... The Edwards/Zakany Family

January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Gerst /Zemba Family you all are in our thoughts and hearts. Ruth Ann was a great strong lady and was loved by everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting her.

Jay Tharp Rufus Guidry - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I'll miss Ruth very much. I've known her since first grade at St. Thomas - we went to school together all the way through high school. A great gift from God to all she touched, Ruth will live on in my memory.

Jack Mattingly - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Last time I seen Ruth was are 50th class reunion. We sat and laughed it was great.

Judy Buchanan - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Ruth Ann was a year behind me at Good Samaritan - happy memories of good times. May she rest in peace and may the family be comforted.

Sister Helena Young - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Wishing you all comfort in your time of loss. I will miss Ruthie's laughter and smile, especially at the winery. Hopefully her & Vickie can now enjoy it in heaven together!

Tiffany Matthews - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ Ruth Ann will be missed by many, she was so loved. I have known her for 50 years, since she started Nurse's Training, I was her House Mother and I have always thought of her as my daughter. She was a beautiful lady both inside and out! My love to all of you in your time of sorrow. Grace Corbett

Grace Corbett - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Ruth Ann was a fun person--always laughing and seeing the bright side- She will be missed by all who knew her.My prayers are with the family.

Marianna Hagan - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ What I remember most about Ruth was her beautiful smile. She was truly a beautiful person who will be missed.

Gloria Sepulveda - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.Rich and Debbie Jackson(Neighbor)

January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My memories of "Sis" date back to Junior high. Oh the times we shared, even bringing up our children, as Susie & John where born between our two. She will truly be missed by many, but I hold in my heart that she is finally out of pain, at peace, and looking down on all who knew and loved her.

Dee Smith - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I have great memories of playing cards with Ruth, my mom, John and Susan many years ago. We always had so much fun. May all your wonderful memories of your mom be with you always. Moms are always in our hearts. May you feel God's peace at this time.

Amy Moffett - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I remember meeting Ruth Ann at Rosecrans in our freshman year. We became friends and had fun at slumber parties, dances etc. She always had such a great sense of humor. She will be truly missed. You are all in our prayers as you go through the grieving process.

Diana DeVol - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Andy & Family, Bless you and your family at this sad time. Ruth Ann was a dear friend who I loved keeping in touch with over the years after going to nursing school together. Her loving, caring personality made her so very special, and her sense of humor was so wonderful. I so loved her visits when she would come to Dallas to visit. Our prayers are with you all. She will be greatly missed. Gary & Carole Swank

Carole Swank - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Not only was "Sissy" my cousin, but she was a wonderful friend. I will miss our conversations about our childhood, becoming parents, and then grandparents. What a special, special person.

January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM