



GERALYN ANNE BIELMAN

June 27, 1955 - October 1, 2023

GERALYN "GERI" ANNE BIELMAN passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 1, 2023 after a long life full of love and happiness.

A new life began June 27, 1955--a beautiful baby girl named GERALYN "GERI." Her mother, forty-six years old, and father, fifty years old, waiting for GERI to come home, along with her four sisters. To everyone's surprise, GERI was diagnosed with Down Syndrome. The doctor signed papers for GERI to be committed to Lapeer State Institute. The doctor felt that her parents were too old to care for a Down Syndrome baby. GERI's parents and her three older sisters, went to court to plead for GERI to come home. They were successful, and GERI was able to come home. She was surrounded with love her whole life.

There were some difficult times during her first four years. GERI did not learn to walk until she was two, talked at three, and was able to feed herself at four. She had health issues but were all overcome.

GERI went to Glen H. Peters School, and then graduated from Robert G. Lutz School. She has attended various workshops, skill development, and arts and crafts programs. GERI worked at McDonald's for twelve years and truly loved her job. Her fellow employees threw her a party when she retired. GERI has been awarded many medals and trophies for bowling and swimming at the

Special Olympics. She turned 68 years old this past June and had lived on her own with a roommate. Geri and her roommate received assistance twenty-four hours a day. She is a gift from God, and everyone that came in contact with her was blessed with the love and joy she gave.

I know this to be true because Geri is my sister, and without her in my life, it would have been empty. She has been my mentor and motivation. Geri has taught me to live a life filled with love. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Obituary written with love by Mickie, Geri's older sister.

Geri is survived by her sister Mickie (John) Mellon, as well as several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Joseph and Lucille, and her sisters Kathryn M. Prevsner, Eleanor T. Lesinski, and Lucille B. Maynard.

Visitation for Geri will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2023, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 Twenty-Three Mile Road, New Baltimore. Funeral Service will take place on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 am, at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 51161 Maria Street, New Baltimore. Instate at the church an hour leading up to the funeral service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Special Olympics of Michigan, <http://www.somi.org/> or the Lake Huron Retreat Center, <https://umcamping.org/camps/lake-huron/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Instate in church

OCT 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
51161 Maria St.
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Funeral Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
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New Baltimore, MI 48047

Tribute Wall



“ *Marlene Strittmatter lit a candle in memory of GERALYN ANNE BIELMAN*



Marlene Strittmatter - October 04, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of GERALYN ANNE BIELMAN.

October 04, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of GERALYN ANNE BIELMAN.*



October 04, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ *What a blessing Geri was to anyone that got to meet her...her hugs and smiles were so pure and genuine. I have no doubt she lived such a long and full life because of the family and caregivers that were always there for her. The world will be a little less bright without you Ger-Bear ❤️🙏*

Julie Palmer - October 02, 2023 at 02:55 PM