



## Phyllis Gerken

August 12, 1930 - March 4, 2024

Phyllis Joann Gerken, 93, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, March 4, 2024, at Pinnacle Specialty Care.

She was born on August 12, 1930, in Deloit, IA, the daughter of Ralph and Garnette (Campbell) Bilsten. On August 29, 1948, she was united in marriage to Robert Gerken in Vail, IA. During her career she was employed with Sartori Hospital for over 16 years, Goodwill as a supervisor for 13 years, and Treasure Chest in Cedar Falls for 13 years before retiring in 2003. In her spare time, Phyllis enjoyed bowling, golfing, going to casinos, and doing various crafts.

Phyllis is survived by her sons, Rick (Deb), Rob (Sue), and David (Teri) Gerken; daughter-in-law, Beth Gerken; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; son, Doug Gerken; granddaughter, Stacy Gerken; and six brothers and sisters.

A gathering of family and friends will be 1:00-3:00 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2024, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to Care Initiatives Hospice.



# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
[richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com)  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Jenn / Isabelle / Colby & the Gerken family. I knew Phyllis as a resident of Mallard Point in CF. She had some friends that just so enjoyed joking around with her. I got to know a little girl named Isabelle - her brother Colby too, who I realized at some point, they knew each other very well: a part of each other in generations. Small world & what a neat connection & bond from those two Gerken relatives! I'll miss her & those memories we made on that floor @ M.P: as well as her caring & loving personality when we both were at Mallard Point too! - Kim

Kim Brown - March 07, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phyllis Gerken.



March 07, 2024 at 11:37 AM

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“ Shirley R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Gerken.

Shirley R. - March 07, 2024 at 11:37 AM

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“ Rob, condolences on the passing of your mother. It is tough. Your mom and your family will be in my prayers. Jim Kerns

Jim Kerns - March 06, 2024 at 11:32 AM