



## Geraldine Gerri Schnaus

March 18, 1957 - March 20, 2016

Geraldine Schnaus(Gerri), 59, of Loogootee, IN died of cancer Sunday, March 20, 2016. She was at home with family by her side, after never giving up during a two year battle.

She was born in Jasper, IN on March 18,1957 to George and Marian(Prechtel) Eckerle. Gerri graduated from Jasper High School in 1975 and later completed a Bachelor's Degree in business from the University of Southern Indiana. She married Stephen Schnaus, her high school sweetheart, in 1977. They moved to the Evansville area to raise a family until the two of them retired and moved to Sarasota, Florida and then their current residence, Loogootee, IN.

Gerri taught high school business classes and was passionate about making a difference in the lives of her students and everyone around her. She also had several other jobs in which she would use her skills to help others in need.

She was a member of St.John's Catholic Church in Loogootee,IN and volunteered her time at the St.Vincent DePaul Society and the Food Pantry. She loved to read, travel, and spend time on the beach or out on the water. Gerri loved being around her grandchildren, spoiling them every chance she could. She also had a deep appreciation for the Amish community in which she was an active supporter, and truly admired their culture.

Gerri is survived by her husband Steve of 39 years;two sons, Cale Schnaus (Rachael) of Evansville, IN and Ared Schnaus (Jennifer) of Fort Branch, IN;

grandchildren, Paige, Asher, Hayden and Cora; father George Eckerle and his companion Norberta of Jasper, IN; sisters Jane (Gene) Hochgesang of Jasper, IN; Sharon (Fred) Schnell, of Birdseye, and Karen (Rick) Hauser of Birdseye, IN. She is preceded in death by her beloved mother Marian Eckerle. Memorial mass will be held at 11:00am Eastern Time Saturday, April 2 2016 at St. John's Catholic Church in Loogootee, IN. Friends and family may visit from 9:00am until the 11:00am service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Easter Seals.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Catholic Church  
Loogootee, IN

## Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Catholic Church  
Loogootee, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine Gerri Schnaus*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Dear Steve, Cale and Ared,  
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss of Gerri...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. I have many wonderful memories of her...beautiful person!!  
Peace, prayers and blessings,  
Roy, Jayne Hilt and family*

**Jayne Hilt** - March 31, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *Dear Steve, We were so surprised to read that Gerri had passed away. We had no idea that she had been dealing with this over the past couple of years. It was always so great to see the two of you and catch up on each other's lives. Gerri was one lovely person! I am sorry we will be in Atlanta and will not be able to attend her memorial. Do know that we are thinking of you, Cale, Ared, and their families at this most difficult time. Hugs to you! Love, Suzan and Randy Williams*

**Suzan Williams** - March 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM



“ *Our condolences and sympathy to all of you.  
Godspeed! Brian, Joan, Courtney, Adam & Jess*



**Joan Eckerle Knies** - March 28, 2016 at 04:14 PM

DS

“ Steve,

*Our deepest sympathy goes to you and your family.*

*What wonderful memories you must have! I know Ron and I do especially during our trip to Kentucky Lake and some of those coon hunting trips! Always had a good time!*

*We will continue to keep you in our prayers.*

*True friends.....Ron and Diane*

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**diane schwenk** - March 24, 2016 at 06:45 PM

JY

“ Steve so sorry for your loss Gerrie will be missed

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**Jim and sherry yoder** - March 24, 2016 at 06:23 PM

JY

“ Steveteve do sorry to hear of your loss may Gerri rest in peace

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**Jim and sherry yoder** - March 24, 2016 at 06:22 PM

JC

“ Steve we were so sorry to hear of your loss. Gerri had a beautiful smile along with a sweet personality. She was beautiful inside and out. That is how I will remember our angel. As for your sons remind them that she will always be in their heart as they once shared the same heart.



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**Jay & Glenna Culpepper** - March 24, 2016 at 04:58 PM

HF

“ Steve, Ared and Cale, Gerri has given us so many wonderful memories and she will be in our hearts forever. Gerri will be missed by so many. We are so sorry for you loss. Our love and prayers to the family.

*Harold & Barbara Freeman*

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**Harold & Barbara Freeman** - March 24, 2016 at 09:17 AM

AR

“ Steve, Cale, Rachel, Ared, Jennifer, & kiddos...I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful woman she was! My heart aches for you all and I am praying for your family.

*Love,*

*Audrey*

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**Audrey Riney** - March 23, 2016 at 11:08 PM

JB

“ *Joni Bitzer lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Gerri Schnaus*



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**joni bitzer** - March 23, 2016 at 05:13 PM

JB

“ Steve, Cale and Ared we are so very sorry for your loss. We have wonderful memories of Gerri's life in Evansville. She will be missed by all those who knew her loving spirit. You are all in our prayers.  
*Rusty and Joni Bitzer*

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**joni bitzer** - March 23, 2016 at 05:12 PM

PB

“ Pam(Tyler) Bickerest lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Gerri Schnaus



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**Pam(Tyler) Bickerest** - March 23, 2016 at 01:59 PM

KT

“ Gerri never met a stranger, she just made new friends. Gerri fought the good fight and I'm confident she heard "well done good and faithful servant".



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**Kip Trotter** - March 23, 2016 at 10:44 AM

JS

“ Steve, your family is in our prayers.

*Germaine and Jerry Schuck*

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**Jerry Schuck** - March 23, 2016 at 07:39 AM

SM

“ I have known Gerri since we were little and can giggle at some of the fun things we did. Then she met Steve and we STILL did fun things we could giggle about like frog giggling! She was always funny in her comments. I know Steve and the family and her sisters will all miss her. I bet her mom and her are catching up on visiting now.

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**sharon mead** - March 22, 2016 at 09:47 PM

DS

“ Gerri had a zest for life and lived life to the fullest!! We will all miss her very much!! She loved her sons, grandchildren and her husband, Steve very much!!

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**Diana and Rich Soellner** - March 22, 2016 at 03:21 PM

RW

“ Steve, We are so very sorry for your loss. Gerri always went out of her way to extend a friendly "hello". I still remember Mrs. Buechler's typing class. Gerri always had a ready-made story to explain her tardiness. It still brings a chuckle. Marlon & Rosemary Woolsey

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**Rosemary Woolsey** - March 22, 2016 at 03:17 PM

NM

“ Steve, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Gerri and I had some very memorable times in High School. She was always my loyal friend. I remember the last time I saw Gerri was when we made a stop at your house when we were on the Pontoon with Pat Schitter. Take care, Nanette and Wayne Mehringer

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**NANETTE MEHRINGER** - March 22, 2016 at 02:35 PM

DC

“ Dawn Collins lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Gerri Schnaus



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**Dawn Collins** - March 22, 2016 at 02:19 PM