



## Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard

June 3, 1942 - April 2, 2025

Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard passed away peacefully at the age of 82, while surrounded by her family on April 2, 2025. Gerry began life in 1942 in the humble surroundings of a dairy farm in Stalwart, Michigan. She spent her youth as the only child of Stanley and Sophie Belinski.

Gerry grew up faithfully attending services at the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Goetzville, Michigan. She graduated from Pickford High School in 1961 and immediately embarked on a plan to become a cosmetologist. She obtained her license to practice the craft in 1962 and her early career started in St. Ignace, Michigan. While in St. Ignace, Gerry worked for and became lifelong friends with Violet Paquin.

In 1968, Gerry and James R. Izzard were the first couple to be married at Our Lady of The Snows Catholic Church in Hessel, Michigan. She and Jim made their home in Cedarville, Michigan, where she started and ran a salon called Gerry's Beauty Shop. Over the next 58 years Gerry made many social connections and friends through her work that have lasted throughout her life.

While working countless hours, she and Jim raised three children, Yvonne (Paul) McConkey of Pickford, Michigan, Jim (Julie) Izzard of Petoskey, Michigan, and Leslie (Mike) Freel of Cedarville. In 1999, Gerry became a grandmother and throughout the rest of her life developed a special bond with

her eight grandchildren. The string of grandchildren started with Sophie (Connor) Reppuhn, Seth Izzard, Caroline Freel, Jack Izzard, Jay Freel, Hannah McConkey, Shane Izzard, and Owen McConkey completed the list in 2007.

Gerry spent the final three years of her life at the Cedar Cove Assisted Living complex in Cedarville. While there, she contributed to a warm welcoming atmosphere, as she spent much of her day in the lobby. She was happy watching the Detroit Tigers, doing word searches, reading the newspaper, and playing bingo. While staying true to her character, she formed lasting friendships with Cedar Cove staff and fellow residents. She was even known, on occasion, for providing free haircuts to residents that needed a trim.

Gerry was preceded in death by her husband, James (2000); mother, Sophie (1979); and father, Stanley (1986).

Gerry's family, friends and relatives will miss her but her faith in God, her Love of Jesus Christ, and the tenderness of the Holy Spirit will carry her into eternity.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 261 S. Islandview Rd. Hessel, MI 49745, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Mass of Christian Burial will follow immediately at 11:00 AM.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Cedar Cove Assisted Living, 266 Mary L St., Cedarville, MI 49719.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church  
261 S Islandview Rd.  
Hessel, MI 49745

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church  
261 S Islandview Rd.  
Hessel, MI 49745

# Tribute Wall

GB

“Gerry was such a sweet lady and a good friend, especially to my mom and dad. She and Jim hosted us when our dad passed away and I have always remembered their kindness. For quite a few summers in a row Gerry would pick me up and we'd go to the casino. She was always quite lucky! She will be greatly missed by many. Our sympathy to the family. May fond memories bring you comfort. Greta (Ackerman) Blegvad

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**Greta Blegvad** - April 12, 2025 at 08:57 PM

SM

“Gerry has been a family friend my entire life. I always enjoyed visiting with with her. I especially remember her sitting outside the Red Owl in Cedarville selling raffle tickets!! When my Uncle Len died, Gerry and Jim hosted a few of us at their home. Jim made a delicious breakfast. I will never forget their kindness. I was sad to hear of Gerry's passing. She will be missed!! My condolences to her family. She definitely was one of a kind and was such a sweet person!!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie (Ackerman) Macedo

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**Stephanie Ackerman Macedo** - April 06, 2025 at 02:46 PM

BB

“ Gerry and I are first cousins, 8 months apart in age. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I will miss her beautiful smile and her ability to recognize the best in everyone.  
At our many extended family gatherings we were always together, laughing and sharing stories.  
May she rest in peace.  
Barbara Bysiek

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**Barbara Bysiek** - April 05, 2025 at 06:33 PM

CB

“ Sending sincere condolences to Leslie & Family.  
So sorry for the loss of your Mom.  
  
Cheryl & Dennis



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**C. Bernard** - April 05, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ I remember my daughter, Elizabeth (13 years old, at the time), and I having a nice visit and dinner with Gerry and Jim, at their home in Cedarville, while we were on vacation in the summer of 1996, I believe, it was, visiting, my sisters, Jackie, and Brenda. Gerry welcomed us in her home, and showed us her cute beauty shop, built in the woods, behind it, where she gave me a trim. Elizabeth, of course, loved Gerry and her shop! She is married with 4 daughters, and also has a beauty shop of her own, she has enjoyed, for many years now. Gerry was a beautiful and inspiring soul and very dearly loved by my mom, one of her many first cousins, the late Geraldine, (Magalski) Hart, who was also known as "Gerry", her older brother, the late Henry Magalski, and Barbara Bysiek, a first cousin, who was also more like a sister because they were all raised together, along their journeys, due to the tragic premature passing of my late grandmother, Caroline (Belinski) Magalski. Gerry, you were a beautiful member of your family and community and will be deeply missed by all. Until we meet again, where distance and death no longer separates us as a Heavenly family. Rest in peace

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**Catherine Bartasius** - April 05, 2025 at 09:35 AM

DS

“ Gerry and I have been friends since childhood, growing up less than a mile apart we rode the bus, shared confidences, and our birthday month. We were Red Hats together and exchanged the purchase of raffle tickets, hers for the Stalwart Fair and mine for the Pickford Museum. We laughed together and sometimes we cried together. We talked our hearts out while she cut my hair and now her passing makes my heart hurt. My memory bank is richer for having known her and I will miss her cheerful greetings when I visited at "the Cove" and/or called bingo. My dear Polish friend leaves me with a hole in my heart. Dianne Hanna Schmitigal

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**Dianne Hanna Schmitigal** - April 04, 2025 at 09:57 PM

KS

“ Gerry was also a member of our Red Hat Group in DeTour. ❤️  
Loved by all.

Kathleen Shiplett - April 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

TA

“ The Berryhill Family, Jim, Madge & Amy  
purchased the Pretty Please for the family of  
Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.



The Berryhill Family, Jim, Madge & Amy - April 04, 2025 at  
10:56 AM

TA

“ The Berryhill Family, Jim, Madge & Amy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.

The Berryhill Family, Jim, Madge & Amy - April 04, 2025 at 10:56 AM

RF

“ Rye and Hausler Families purchased the Fairest  
of All for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski)  
Izzard.



Rye and Hausler Families - April 04, 2025 at 10:16 AM

RF

“ Rye and Hausler Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.

Rye and Hausler Families - April 04, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.



April 04, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.

April 04, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.



April 04, 2025 at 07:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.

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“ Jay & Sue Bowlby purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.



Jay & Sue Bowlby - April 04, 2025 at 06:47 AM



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Jay & Sue Bowlby - April 04, 2025 at 06:47 AM



“ Jeff and Julie Davis purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard.



Jeff and Julie Davis - April 04, 2025 at 06:46 AM

CR

“ Cherie Rye lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Gerry" (Belinski) Izzard



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**Cherie Rye** - April 03, 2025 at 11:25 PM

FE

“ My sincere condolences to Gerry's extended family and friends. I went to her for a haircut just prior to high school graduation and I asked her to cut my long hair, thick hair so it was short. She excused herself and went to the telephone and called my mother at work to see if was okay. Those of you who no me will understand my mother's response - that kid is pretty strong, bullheaded and won't be happy unless you do! 😊 That was the start of my preference for short hair. May Gerry fly high with the angels and her soul rest in eternal peace.

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**Fern** - April 03, 2025 at 10:42 PM