



Geraldine LaPrairie

May 30, 1953 - February 24, 2021

Geraldine LaPrairie, age 67, of Vinita, Oklahoma, died on February 24, 2021 in Pickford, Michigan, while visiting family. She was born on May 30, 1953 in Cedarville, Michigan, to Thomas Melvin and Eva Mariah (Hiser) Bennett.

Geraldine grew up in Cedarville and graduated from Les Cheneaux High School. After high school, Geraldine went to work at War Memorial Hospital in the cafeteria department. One day, she met the delivery man, Gregory Thomas LaPrairie, He won her heart and they married on May 19, 1973 at St Mathis Episcopal Church in Pickford. They started their family and they moved around to Minnesota; Tulsa and Pryor, Oklahoma; before settling in Vinita in 1986. Geraldine then went to work for DANA as a customer service representative. She worked there for over fifteen years before becoming the security women at the local bread company. She then took an opening position at the mental health facility as a cook for six years before retiring in 2019.

Geraldine enjoyed reading, visiting the casino, and playing her video games. She loved camping, boating, and fishing.

Geraldine is survived by her sons, Gregory J. LaPrairie and Ben LaPrairie both of Vinita; grandchildren, Kayden, Beau, Christopher, and Cole LaPrairie; sisters, Helen Spencer of Texas, Merrial Kasper of Cedarville, Carol (Jim)

Cryderman of Cedarville, and Rhoda (Bill) Beacom of Pickford; brothers, Clayton (Alice) Bennett of St. Ignace and Ralph (Karen) Bennett of DeTour, Michigan; and many nieces and nephews.

Geraldine is preceded in death by her husband, Gregory Thomas LaPrairie; son, Shawn LaPrairie; brothers, Thomas (Nancy) Bennett and Gerald Bennett; sister Sylvia Coveyou; brothers-in-law, Melvin Spencer and Chester Kasper; and her parents.

A memorial service will be held in Oklahoma, at a later date.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, in Vinita, Oklahoma.

Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine LaPrairie*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Geraldine LaPrairie*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Geraldine LaPrairie*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I was so shocked to hear of you leaving so soon Geraldine. I talked to her periodically and recently a few weeks ago. I will miss you my friend. I know you're in heaven dancing with Jesus and we will see each other soon. (Your good friend Paula Hoy)*

Paula hoy - March 02, 2021 at 06:24 AM



“ *Geraldine was a fine dignified woman. I'm grateful I got to know her at OFC.*

Daniel Coonfield - March 01, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Geraldine was an amazing, strong woman. She will truly be missed.*

Pam Hooten - March 01, 2021 at 01:21 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mike , I know you loved Geraldine very much. Joe, I am at work anytime you need to chat for a few minutes.*

Miranda burroway - February 27, 2021 at 05:57 AM