



Meta Lucille (Shaw) Geyer

May 3, 1939 - January 31, 2025

Meta Lucille (Shaw) Geyer, age 85, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and Drummond Island, Michigan, passed peacefully on Friday, January 31, 2025, at home with her family by her side. She was born on May 3, 1939, to Alvin and Lucille (Seaman) Shaw.

Meta grew up and graduated as valedictorian from DeTour Area High School and attended Ferris State College for a year before marrying and starting a family. She returned to Lake Superior State College to graduate with honors in the corrections field. She worked for Kinross Correctional Facility in Kinross, Michigan, as a Resident Unit Manager before retiring after nineteen years.

Meta was a member of the DeTour Union Church, where she was a pianist for many years. She participated in councils, schoolboards, the Presbyterian Church, Naturalist Club, the Elders, and was a care giver and patient advocate for her lifelong love, Jim Geyer and daughter Gretchen.

Meta loved God, her family, and friends. She always lived life to the fullest. Meta enjoyed traveling, being outdoors, hunting, fishing, sailing, cross-country skiing and she recorded a lot of her adventures through photographs and writing.

Meta is survived by her son, David (Jody) Geyer of Marblehead, Ohio;

daughters, Jewell Geyer of DeTour, Michigan, and Ellen (Terry) Benoit of Sault Ste. Marie; stepson, James (Stacy) Geyer, Jr. of Drummond Island; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Meta was preceded in death by her partner, Jim; daughter, Gretchen; parents, Alvin and Lucille; sister, Ruthan Legault; and brothers-in-law, Peter Legault and Karl Parrish.

A Celebration of Life will be announced in the Spring of 2025.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Meta's honor to the Mynor W. Seaman Scholarship Fund, which she initiated through the Chippewa County Community Foundation, 511 Ashmun, Suite 202, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, in honor of her uncle.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

NL

“ I met Meta through our mutual friend Sharon Fegan and got to know Meta quite well through the years I lived in the Sault. Meta was a very kind and friendly lady who had time for her friends and family and visited often. I had many conversations with her at Sharon’s house and learned many things about the correctional system, gardening, bicycling and great places to go for bike rides, hikes, or calming recreational walking. She was also a very caring woman who deeply loved her family and friends. My heartfelt condolences to the Geyer family. The world had lost a great lady and I am deeply saddened by her passing. Rest In Peace Meta.

Nathaneal Lee - February 06, 2025 at 11:04 PM

SS

“ Sharon Sadegh lit a candle in memory of Meta Lucille (Shaw) Geyer



Sharon Sadegh - February 06, 2025 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ What a comfort to me knowing that Meta has obtained her well deserved journey into Heaven. How wonderful for her, and yet saddens our hearts; my sincere condolences to her family and dear friends.

Meta was my neighbor at the Lake Superior Estates Trailer Park. She often prayed with me, for me, and for my two girls. She was always ready and willing to offer comfort and encouragement for me, a newly singled mother. Her smile was all I needed some days, it expressed her inner soul so well and told me that she really cared.

Over the years we both moved out of that park onto better things but she never hesitated to stop to catch up with me, ask about the girls and give one of her warmest hugs. Rest in peace, my friend, your spirit lives on in all of the love you gave to the world.

Myrna Campbell

Myrna Campbell - February 05, 2025 at 11:25 AM

LD

“ I have very fond memories of knowing Meta. She was a very special person. RIP Meta. Condolences to the family. She will be dearly missed.



Leona Leonard Dekeyser

Leona DeKeyser - February 04, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JS

“ Meta's Family...Meta was one of "our Lords " special people. A visit with her alway left you feeling better. She will be missed. jERRY AND mAUREEN

jERRY sCHOPP - February 04, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ *With deepest sympathies to the entire Geyer family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, John and Alpha Vagnetti*

John Vagnetti - February 04, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *John D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Meta Lucille (Shaw) Geyer.*

John D. - February 04, 2025 at 12:14 PM

FE

“ My sincere Condolences to the friends and extended family of Meta. I had to opportunity to get to know her when she was attending Lake State. The year that she was graduating there was a big party with nursing students. There was a special ceremony planned to dispose of their student nursing uniforms. As a result I, as outsider (non nursing major), was invited as I guest therefore I had to bring an item that was aggravating/boring/not relevant to my liking in my educational pursuit. I chose my Humanities text book as a contribution to the cause. A very memorable moment that I still laugh about when I think about it is when Jack (Behrens?) was frying smelt he noticed a couple of guys who he said were uninvited guests (they were both drunk) who came to the smelt fry when the big group of us left from Sunny Bucht's Bar (?? relying on a taxed memory). He said to me watch this. He fried up about a dozen smelt with the head, guts and all. Fixed up some plates with fish, salad, etc and handed it to them and said "Here guys eat some food and this will help sober you up so you can drive home." About the 3rd bite of fish one of the guys discovered that he was given whole, uncleaned smelt and started cussing. They both left while the rest of us laughed our butt's off. Earlier we had partied with a group of guys that had a Lake State alumni it at the bar who all had t-shirts that said Drummond Island Perch Safari and bought our group upside down margaritas most of the night. I, being a t-shirt buff had exchanged my Lake State t-shirt with one of the guys in the men's room so i got a D I P S t-shirt in exchange. What a fun grat memorable experience. Thanks for the memories! Rest in eternal peace Ms Meta. Fly high with the angels ma'am. I hope to see you on the other side.

Fern - February 04, 2025 at 09:33 AM

CB

“ *Jewell & Family,*

So sorry for the loss of your Mom. Meta was always so kind & welcoming whenever I met her! Just always so upbeat! She will be missed.

Rest in peace, Meta.

Cheryl & Dennis



Cheryl Bernard - February 03, 2025 at 10:06 PM

LS

“ *A wonderful gal has gained her wings , many times over. God speed Meta..*



Lila Shaw - February 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM

PA

“ *I feel so bad. Meta was a wonderful person and although I didn't see her often we were friends. When she and I were young we spent lots of time together. Her mom and dad and my mom and dad were great friends. Please accept my sympathy.*

Patricia Lehman Anderson - February 03, 2025 at 06:03 PM

EL

Thank you!

Ellen - February 05, 2025 at 04:51 PM