



Theresa Marie Collins Gerrish

April 7, 2015

Theresa Marie Collins Gerrish passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family and friends on Tuesday April 7th, 2015; just 2 weeks shy of her 91st birthday. She was born April 17th, 1924 to Rose Helen and Leo Francis Collins in Williamsburg, Kansas. Theresa lived a long, full, and active life defined by her strong Christian faith, her love of life and others, her servant's heart, and her cherished roles as wife, mother, and grandmother. She was educated as a nurse at St. Joseph's College in Kansas City, practicing nursing as a ministry for many years. She was an incredibly strong woman in every way, yet stayed humble and giving throughout her life, a model for others to follow. She touched so many that knew her and called her friend. Among these friends was her close-knit church family at Glory Christian Fellowship where she was a founding member. She is preceded in death by Jim, her husband of fifty-five years; her seven brothers and one sister, and her ten infant children lost at birth. She is survived by her three children and their families in whose lives she was such a loving influence – her son, Jim and daughter-in-law, Susan Gerrish with their daughter, Melissa and their grandsons, Justin and Jordan; her daughter, Jeanne and son-in-law, Marc Mouchet and their children, Luc, Elise, and Jonathan, and her son, Paul and daughter-in-law, Cindy Gerrish and their children, Heidi, Julie, and Stephen. Visitation with the family will be Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Lomas. A Memorial Service will be Friday, April 10, 2015, 2:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Lomas. She will be buried next to her husband at Santa Fe National Cemetery. The family asks in lieu of flowers, a donation be made through Glory Christian Fellowship in her name to the Kenyan Orphanage they support. Though Theresa's gracious and loving presence will be missed, we all take comfort in knowing she is at home with the Lord.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Lomas)

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Albuquerque, NM 87112

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Memorial Service

APR 10. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Theresa Marie Collins Gerrish*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - April 09, 2015 at 01:19 PM

GR

“ *The kids and I will always remember your mom for open arms and really making you feel at home when we came to visit. She was a great mom, grandmother and friend to so many and will be greatly missed. God bless you and your family.*

George, Ryan, and Kyla

George Romero - April 11, 2015 at 12:56 PM

KB

“ *I grew up with Mrs Gerrish - she was one of my best bud's Mom. Always always the most lovely woman. A calm voice in the midst of growing-pain angst. I remember coming home for college with a beard and she didn't recognize me - surprised us both! I still remember her phone number. Very sorry for her whole extended family, but thankful she was home.*

Kevin Bonds - April 10, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Theresa Marie Collins Gerrish.*



April 10, 2015 at 09:10 AM

MR

“ I will always have fond memories of Theresa. My favorite one is the first Thanksgiving Paul and Cindy spent together, when they had just started dating. I was visiting, and got to come to dinner, too. She treated Cindy and me like family - even before we were a part of the family. She had a way of making everything warm and comfortable. Blessings, comfort and love to you all.

Shelly Harberts-Romero

Michelle "Shelly" Romero - April 10, 2015 at 01:11 AM

MR

I said Thanksgiving, but it was actually Christmas. The meal she served was a turkey dinner. Wonderful times!

Michelle "Shelly" Romero - April 10, 2015 at 01:18 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Theresa Marie Collins Gerrish.



April 09, 2015 at 10:26 PM



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April 09, 2015 at 05:08 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa Marie Collins Gerrish.



April 09, 2015 at 12:07 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Theresa Marie Collins Gerrish.*



April 09, 2015 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ *Aunt Theresa and Uncle Jim were treasures. I remember their visits to Kansas, especially the year Uncle Paul married Aunt Lucille. I can hear the laughter around the table, the Airstream parked in the back yard, and the year a box turtle was found and went back to Albuquerque to live many years in the Gerrish back yard.*

In 2007 Aunt Theresa returned to Kansas to see Dad (Mike) and Mom (MaryAnn). Dad had been diagnosed with cancer by then and she returned to visit. I was fortunate to be the one to pick her up from the airport. I spent 2 hours with her that afternoon, just she and I, getting lunch and driving to Emerald. It was a treasure to me to spend that time with her. Aunt Theresa held a special place for all of us.

Catherine Collins Bennett - April 09, 2015 at 10:47 AM

IC

“ *One summer back in the 90's Aunt Theresa was in Kansas staying with her brother Mike and wife Mary Ann. Mike knew after Kenneth & I built our new home I had fixed a genealogy wall of photos and he wanted Theresa to see it. We had such a wonderful visit that day. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*God Bless,
Kenneth & Irene (Collins) Combes
One of the many cousins from Kansas*

Irene (Collins) Combes - April 09, 2015 at 09:52 AM

RC

“ *Always enjoyed her visits back to Kansas and the story's she would share about her brothers growing up during the great depression. They all did not have much but each other but, what a wonderful childhood did they all share! May God bless all that knew my Aunt Theresa!*

Ron Collins - April 09, 2015 at 02:13 AM



Thanks for the kind words, Ron! I'm thankful to be part of our Collins family and my memories of our roots in Emerald, Kansas :). What a great legacy our parents left! Hope your mom is well, we will try and call her today.

Paul Gerrish - April 09, 2015 at 09:51 AM

RS

“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

Richard Stewart - April 08, 2015 at 03:16 PM