



Gerda E. Kirkwood

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Gerda Ellen Kirkwood, 93, of Davidson went to be with the Lord on February 6, 2023. She was born on December 1, 1929 in Naestved, Denmark to the late Hans and Johanne Rasmussen.

Gerda grew up in a thatched roof home in an area outside of Naestved, Denmark along with her four brothers, prior to the affordability of electricity and telephones. Gerda always said though, that they had what they needed and they had a very good life.

Gerda and her husband to-be Jesse met in Copenhagen, Denmark on Christmas Eve while Jesse was on R and R leave while serving in the U.S. Air Force. They later married in Copenhagen, had their first daughter Ellen, and then made the U.S. their home.

Gerda was a very loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. She will lovingly be remembered as a Modern Matriarch of the Kirkwood Family. She was the glue that kept us all in touch with each other and made sure we all felt loved.

Gerda was generous with her time and talents. She had knitted close to one hundred hats, mittens, and scarves for the Homeless Men's Shelter in Buffalo, NY, received honors for the amount of blood donated to the Red Cross, and along with her husband Jesse, delivered Meals on Wheels for many years through the snow blizzards of Buffalo, NY. After she and Jesse moved to Davidson, Gerda baked cupcakes for every holiday and delivered them to the Angles and Sparrows Soup Kitchen. She also made purchases of the "most needed items" to donate to Lydia's Loft, and so many more acts of kindness that we will never know. In the giving of herself, Gerda has left a remarkable impression on our small piece of the world.

Survivors include her daughter, Sandra Fulmer (Stan); 3 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Jesse Kirkwood and her daughter Ellen Lockhart.

Memorials may be made to the Gillwood Presbyterian Church.



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The funeral service will be held at 2:00 Friday, February 10 at Gilwood Presbyterian with visitation one hour before the funeral. Burial will follow at Mt. Zion Community.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving family.



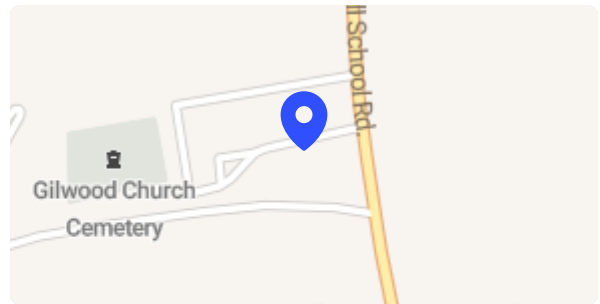
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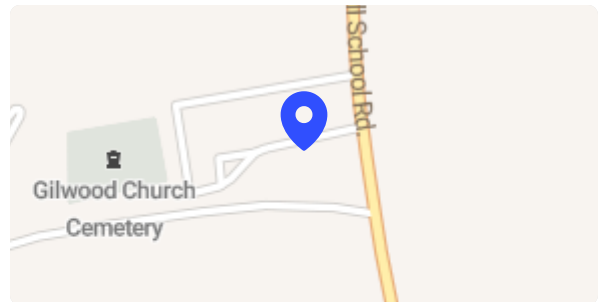
Visitation

- Friday**, February 10, 2023
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET
- Gilwood Presbyterian Church**
2993 Odell School Rd., Concord NC 28027



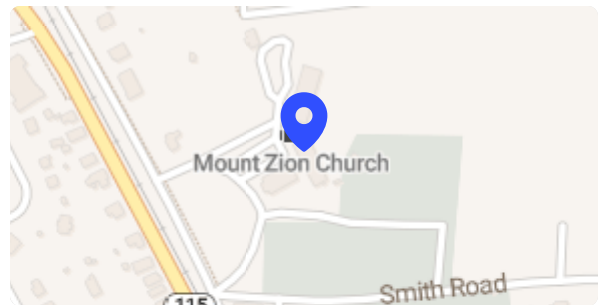
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Cemetery Details

- Mt. Zion Community Cemetery**
19600 Zion Ave., Cornelius NC 28031





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Bonnie Levalley posted:

Sandra and Stan, My husband Peter and I served as pastor and Christian education director at Elma United Methodist church while Gerda and Jesse were active there. What a dear couple, with a heart to serve God and neighbor. I still wear one of her knit caps during winter months. We shared in Bible study, United Methodist Women and worship. I have told the story she shared about her mom inviting children to see her nativity's and share the story of Christ's birth, numerous times. I will remember Gerda's servant heart, her laughter, her unconditional love. It was a joy and honor to share our story of faith and life together for nearly 18 years. What an honor to have known Gerda. I loved being in her wise and humble presence. God bless and keep her! May God hold you closely in your time of loss. Reverends Bonnie and Peter LeValley

February 10 at 5:41 PM



Sandra Fulmer February 12 at 7:44 AM

Thank you Bonnie, you and Peter were a very important part of my parent's life. They would not miss a Sunday to hear Peter's messages during worship service. Your friendship to Gerda and Jesse, was one they spoke of and cherished all of their days. Thank you for such kind words.



Jason Turner And Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Kirkwood family.



February 10 at 3:48 AM



Marian Natrass posted:

Greta was dearly loved by her church family in Elma, Ny. She was a sweet and caring person in all that she did. She was an accomplished knitter and made beautiful things to be donated, including prayer shawls for at home church members. Always a beautiful smile, she was a dear. Prayers and blessings to you and your family Marian Natrass

February 10 at 3:07 AM



Sandra Fulmer February 12 at 7:47 AM

Thank you for your memories of Gerda.



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Linda Correll posted:

Lovely neighbor who always kept her lawn in the beautiful clean Dutch tradition! Blessed be to her girls and family!

February 6 at 1:18 PM



Susan Derr February 18 at 8:48 AM

I knew Gerda from church and garden club. She was always an inspiration, dear soul and wonderful friend. She always quietly helped where ever needed. Susan Derr and family



Sandy Fulmer February 7 at 5:14 PM

Thank you Ms. Correll, and you have been a wonderful neighbor to Gerda as well!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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