



Mrs. Genevieve L. Gero

October 31, 1935 - August 25, 2023

Genevieve L. Gero, 87, of State Route 11, Burke passed away Friday, August 25, 2023, at her home with her loving family by her side and aided by Hospice of the North Country.

Born on October 31, 1935, in Burke, NY she was the daughter of John Knox and Janet (Gray) Swanston. Genevieve was married to the love of her life Ernest Gero on June 18, 1960, at Notre Dame Church in Malone by Rev. Robert Lamitie. He predeceased her on October 28, 2021.

She graduated from Chateaugay Central and then Albany Business College in May of 1955. Upon college graduation Genevieve went to work as a Secretary for the Franklin County Alcohol Beverage Control Board until 1964. The next ten years were spent caring for and raising her three young children. In 1974 she returned to work as secretary/bookkeeper for St. George's Church in Burke. In 1976 she found her true passion and love for the elderly and became the Director of the Burke Adult Center. She gave 28 years of selfless, loyal service to the elderly, retiring in November of 2004. In addition, Genevieve and her husband co-owned and managed their home businesses Walnut Grove Gifts and the Christmas Bear Gift Shop.

Genevieve served as a Board member for Salvation Army, Pastoral Outreach, Parish Council and Religious Education, as a former Trustee of St. George's Church, and Advisor and Board Member for the Burchacon Housing Project. She was a communicant of St. George's Church and later St. Patrick's Church.

She was a humble woman of pure light sharing her goodness and grace with everyone she met. To know her was to love her. She spent her entire life in service to others and never missed an opportunity to meet someone new or help someone in need. She was a woman of incredible strength, courage, compassion, and great faith. She enjoyed the simple pleasures of life – Sunday night dinners, baking, time spent with family on Chateaugay Lake, sitting on her front porch visiting, working in her beautifully manicured lawns, lovingly tending to her flowers. She loved life and was full of joy. She adored her family, treasured her friends and her finest days were spent surrounded by all.

She thanked God every day for the blessings in her life and was full of pride when she spoke of her children, in-laws, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. There will always be only one “Gigi” and her goodness and lessons of life will live on in the hearts of those who loved her.

Genevieve is survived by her three children and their spouses, Joelle and Tony Lamica of Chateaugay, Jeffrey and Trudy Gero of Malone, Joslyn and Robert LaPage of Malone; her “Chosen” daughter Simmone Bombard of Chateaugay; eight grandchildren Meaghan (Timothy Oliver), Alexander (Lyz) Lamica, Morgan Lamica; Adam Gero, Courtney (Zachary) Cook, Taylor LaPage and partner, Rylee Pivetta, Jacob and Grace Bombard; three great grandchildren, Lincoln Scott Cook, Adaline Millie Cook and Quinn Everly Oliver and her sister due in December; a brother John (Jack) Swanston of Chateaugay; as well as several nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her parents; brother, Stewart Swanston and brother, Charles in infancy; a sister and brother-in-law, Caroline and Bruce Harter; a sister-in-law, Shirley Swanston; and niece, Kelly Swanston.

Calling hours will be held at the Chateaugay Funeral Home on Friday September 1st from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Patrick’s Church, Chateaugay on Saturday, September 2nd at 10 a.m.

Burial will be held at North Burke Cemetery.

Donations in Genevieve's memory can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Shriners Hospitals for Children and Hospice of the North Country.

Cemetery Details

North Burke Cemetery

Burke, NY

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chateaugay Funeral Home
36 Church Street
Chateaugay, NY 12920
(518) 497-6781
hwilcox2@twcny.rr.com
<https://www.chateaugayfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Patrick's Church
132 W Main St
Chateaugay, NY 12920-6013
(518) 497-6673

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family, I'm only seeing this now, and want to express my wishes that you are all healing from such a great loss. I was really young when my Grandmother, Nell Barnes, Janet's sister, used to go with my mother and I to visit "cousin" Genevieve. She was unforgettable, full of life and always so welcoming despite how busy she was. My prayers are with you.

Traci Powers (Scott) - May 28, 2024 at 01:21 PM

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“ Dear Joelle, Tony, Joslyn, Robert, Jeff, Trudy and, all their families,
With sadness I just read about your Mom.
Such a nice lady ... always loved by many and always to help out in so many areas. My thoughts are with you during this sad time. with love, Sharon



Sharon Langdon - August 30, 2023 at 06:11 PM

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“ Joelle and family, Jocelyn and family,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at such a difficult time. Gen was such a sweetheart and always had a smile. Take comfort in knowing that she is now with your dad❤️❤️❤️. May she rest in peace.

Thinking of everyone,
Love,
Dicky & Julie



Julie - August 28, 2023 at 08:55 PM

GL

“ So sorry, Joslyn, to you and your family. Your mom was always so kind and welcoming to me!

Georgette DuMont LePage - August 28, 2023 at 12:21 PM

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“ On every one of my visits to the North Country to visit my sister, we invariably would visit Gen and her family. I was always welcomed with open arms and Gen always had a huge hug and welcomed me as family.
Heaven has gained another Angel. May all of our sweet memories of Gen give us peace.

Bonnie Smallman Duplessis - August 28, 2023 at 11:15 AM

SL

“ Sandy LaRose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Genevieve L. Gero

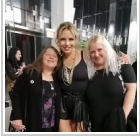


Sandy LaRose - August 28, 2023 at 06:54 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of you moms passing I use to work at the Burke Adult Center with her she was a blessing to have as a boss she will be great fully be missed fly high Gen

Patti gardner - August 27, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ *Sending much love and many prayers of comfort and care to all of you at this difficult time. She truly was a very special woman. May her light shine on through all of you.* ”



Daphne Abbott - August 27, 2023 at 04:16 PM

SG

“ *It was such a great honor and a privilege to have known such a wonderful lady. I will truly miss her. I offer my sincerest condolences and deepest sympathies to her loving family.* ”



Shelley Gibbons - August 27, 2023 at 03:58 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Gen was a kind and compassionate lady and did so much for others. I'm proud to say she grew up next to me. Thoughts and prayers to all. Love and hugs.* ”

Sharon Nemier - August 25, 2023 at 06:58 PM