



## Dolores Mary Kempf

August 16, 1925 - July 7, 2025

Dolores Mary (Straetz) Kempf

99, passed away on July 7th, 2025, with family by her side -- just 40 days short of her 100th Birthday. She was born to Elizabeth (Machia) and George Straetz Sr. in Glidden, Wisconsin on August 16th, 1925. She was the last living person of her generation in both the Straetz and Kempf families.

Dolores was a downtown girl living next to her Dad's bar on main street Glidden for most of her early life. She married Frank J. Kempf on April 3rd, 1943, in Glidden, where they raised seven children until Frank's passing in 1971.

Dolores' out-of-the-home career started in the Crutch Factory. After several years, its closure brought her to the Glidden Mill for a short time. She then worked over 20 years at St. Croix in the machine shop before retiring. But not for long! Her favorite workplace was the Forest Service in Glidden. Starting on the Green Thumb Program, working in the field, and eventually working in the office doing administrative tasks. She often said how much she loved her job and loved being recognized and appreciated. In 2011, after 26 years with the Forest Service, she retired again, at the age of 87.

Family and Faith were the pillars of her longevity and helped in her overcoming the hardships endured through those 100 years. Something her family could always count on was her strength and courage. Family meant everything to her. From her children to her great-great grandchildren, they always brought a smile to her face. She often said, "That is what keeps me

going”.

Gramma D (as she was lovingly called) was blessed with 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren. Also surviving her are three children; Dolly (Tom) Rein of Marshfield, Lenny (Barb) Kempf of Glidden, Tim (Sandy) Kempf of Three Lakes. Daughters-in-law; Karen J. Kempf of Glidden, Janice Kempf of Glen Ellyn, IL, Karen A. Kempf of McHenry, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and four children; Frank R. Kempf, Robert A. Kempf, Wendy S. Wilson and Jeffrey J. Kempf; and Son-in-law Scott Wilson; also, brothers George, Vernon “Jim”, Tommy, Denny, Bobby, Aloysius “Grant”, Joseph, John “Hunts”; sisters: Pearl Schultz, Nora Robertson, Marcella Gersich, Margaret Winkler/Mohr, Harriet Pankratz; and many other relatives.

Some of her favorite things were cooking and baking. Whether it was for one or for 21 – there was no one better. But the highlight of her days were spending time with her family.

She was a member of the Most Precious Blood Church; St. Anne’s Sodality; the VFW Auxiliary; Glidden Senior Center Volunteer; Milwaukee Brewers Fan Club; and active with the Glidden Historical Society. She regularly attended local grandkids events and activities.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Glidden, Wisconsin on her 100th Birthday, August 16, 2025.

Visitation will begin at 9:30 am with the Mass beginning at 11:00 am. Burial following Mass at MPB Cemetery followed by luncheon in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to any of the following organizations. – St. Anne’s Sodality, 256 E. St., Glidden, WI 54527 - Senior Center, 337 York Rd, Glidden, WI 54527 - Glidden Historical Society, PO Box 73, Glidden, WI 54527

The family would like to thank the Park Manor staff for their love, care, and support. Also, a special thank you to Dr. Daniel for over 20 years of professional care.



# Cemetery Details

## Most Precious Blood Catholic Cemetery

Glidden, WI 54527

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church  
256 E. 2nd St  
Glidden, WI 54527

## Funeral Mass

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church  
256 E. 2nd St  
Glidden, WI 54527

# Tribute Wall

NP

“ *Mother Dolores was another mother to me while in my high school years. She held a lot of memories and I always wanted to see her whenever I was in Glidden. Just met with her last year and she was still looking good. Condolences to all of you in family*

**Noreen Poorman** - August 12, 2025 at 04:53 PM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to Tim, Dolly, Lenny and families for the loss their beautiful mother Delores. She was a younger sister to my mother, Marcella Straetz Gersich. We will miss our Beloved Aunt Delores.*

*Judy and Keith Countryman*

**Judy Countryman** - July 29, 2025 at 05:52 PM

RG

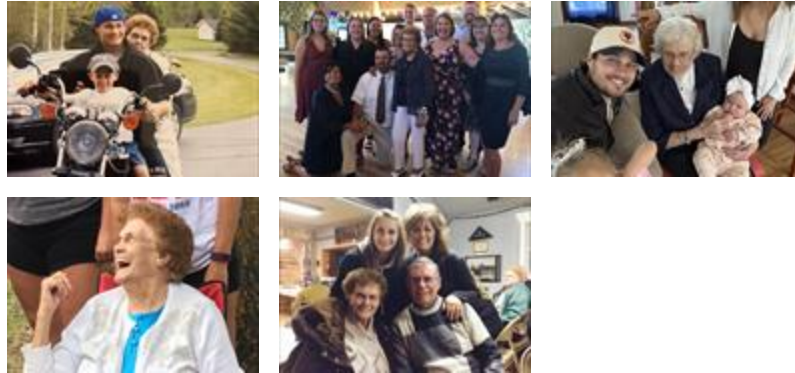
“ *Our Prayers and Thoughts for the Kempf Family*



**Ramona Gahagan** - July 13, 2025 at 05:08 AM

BO

“ Thank you showing us the way. We love you always. B.



Bobbi - July 11, 2025 at 10:17 PM

MW

Great pictures of a great lady whose family was everything. Well done, good and faithful one. Sending deepest sympathy to all.

Missy Wiener - July 12, 2025 at 12:20 PM

VM

“ We will miss Aunt Dolores so much. After my grandma's death she was the patron I always turned to. Sending our love and prayers to the family. Love- Jake, Vickie (Vierig), Josilynn and Tessa Merrill



Victoria Merrill - July 11, 2025 at 07:44 PM

KK

I will dearly miss my neighbor & mother-in-law for always willing to help or give advice, especially with recipes. For great & fun times on our family vacation trips. She was the strongest & most patient lady I know. RIP Gram I will miss our morning coffee love you.

Karen J. Kempf - July 11, 2025 at 11:48 PM



*Rest in peace Dolores Len Lenzen.*

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**Len Lenzen** - July 12, 2025 at 08:03 AM