



Leta J. Shepherd Gerber

June 17, 1928 - October 27, 2024

Leta Jean Shepherd Gerber

age 96- Passed peacefully at home with her family surrounding her and loving her on October 27, 2024.

Born June 17, 1928 in Ladysmith Wisconsin to John Gates Shepherd DC and Lillian Steffek Shepherd. The family moved to Park Falls when Leta was a small child.

She graduated from Park Falls High School in 1948. She attended Milwaukee Teachers College after High School. She then took a couple years off to raise her daughter after a brief marriage. She then returned to college at Medford Teachers college earning a teaching certificate and immediately returned to Park Falls to start her career at the Woodland Echo one room school house in Eisenstein near Park Falls. She taught all 8 grades for her first assignment joking that some of the kids were bigger than she was. School consolidation started the following year. She then taught for 2 years in Lymantown school teaching 3 grades. The In 1955 the new addition to the Washington school was completed and she then began her 2nd grade teaching career which spanned 4 decades including once again a move to a new Park Falls Elementary school. (It appears she never graduated from 2nd grade however).

During her first years of teaching she continued to pursue her own education at UW Oshkosh during the summers to attain her Bachelor's of education degree in 1960. This was a difficult task while working, raising a daughter, and

traveling- no online courses then.

She was a single parent during the years when it was not popular or easy. She was completely involved with her students and dedicated to each and every class. Many still remember her and she just loved having them come up and talk to her.

After retirement she volunteered at many organizations and causes in our community. She loved bowling, yoga, swimming, and being with people. She loved watching the Brewers, but most of all loved spending time with her grandsons and later great grandkids helping raise them, teaching them to swim and imparting much wisdom.

She is survived by her Daughter Elyn Gerber Schloer, Park Falls, "Her brother John James Shepherd, Park Falls, Three Grandsons, Mark (Steph) Schloer, Park Falls, Brian(Jodi) Schloer, Glidden, Craig Schloer (JoAnna) Park Falls. She is further survived by 9 Great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren, and one niece, Ann (Dan) Marin of Tucson AZ.

She was predeceased by her Parents, one Brother, William D Shepherd DC, and his wife Janet Shepherd, son in law John Schloer, and one granddaughter Jeanie Marie Schloer and her very best friend Adelyn Kaley Erickson.

A Celebration of Life, Love and her dedication to service will be held at 1:00pm on Monday November 11, 2024 at Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel in Park Falls. Rev. Stephen Kjetland will officiate.

Interment will follow at Nola Cemetery in Park Falls.

A visitation will be held from 12:00pm until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leta J. Shepherd Gerber.

November 11, 2024 at 07:48 AM



“ I've known Leta for a long time, mostly through bowling. In fact, we were on the same team before bowling ended in Park Falls. She was one of the coolest people I have ever known. My sympathy to your family.

Bonnie Dryer

Bonnie Dryer - November 09, 2024 at 11:16 AM



Thank you

Elyn Schloer - November 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ Leta. Was a wonderful neighbor in the trailer park. Took my husband and I under her wings when we first moved here. Never a sweeter lady will I ever meet. Rest in Peace my friend

Toni Hughes - October 29, 2024 at 11:35 AM

VK

“ *Victoria J Kilger lit a candle in memory of Leta J. Shepherd Gerber*



Victoria J Kilger - October 29, 2024 at 09:33 AM

VK

Miss Gerber was my 2nd grade teacher. So was the nicest teacher I ever had and my favorite in all my school years. We always talked whenever I seen her out for lunch. She never forgot me. Will miss seeing her.

Victoria J Kilger - October 29, 2024 at 09:35 AM

LS

“ *I was one of Miss Gerbers first Students at the Woodland Echo school. I think I was one of the students she said was bigger than Her she was 12 years older than I in the later years when I met her I always reminded her that I was her first student. I always liked her. Being an eighth Grader I was in charge of the wood furnace.*

Len Schmidt - October 28, 2024 at 08:14 PM

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Thank you for the kind words

Elyn Schloer - November 19, 2024 at 07:41 PM