



Geraldine Louise Short

January 29, 1944 - January 21, 2023

Geraldine (Gerry) Louise Short passed away suddenly on January 21, 2023. Gerry was born on January 29, 1944 in Middletown, Ohio. She was the daughter of Gerald LeRoy Alexander and Mary Ellen Alexander. Graduating from Trenton High School in 1962 as her Class Valedictorian was a highlight achievement. She did so while working part-time as a clerk at Bruck Radio & Hobby Shop and at Johnson's Grocery Store as a cashier. In 1964, Gerry married a fellow Ohioan, Dennis Short and they began their family while living in Middleton. They were married for 58 years. Initially, Gerry stopped working outside the home in 1968 to give birth to their daughter, Teri Lynn. Four short years later, they welcomed Christopher Scott into the family in 1972. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Dennis M. Short, July 17, 2022, daughter Teri Short Best, October 23, 2013, and sister Anna Mary Hicks, January 2, 2015. Gerry is survived by son Christopher (Scott) Short, daughter-in-law Mary Short of Vancouver, WA; granddaughter Cameron Short, grandson Griffin Short; grandsons Kyle Komlosi and Ryan Komlosi; adopted grandson Matt Delisle; great granddaughter Evelyn Jay Komlosi; and sisters Donna Rosenfelder and Josephine Grathwohl. She also leaves behind beloved Murphy, her loyal little dog of many years. After growing up and starting their family in Ohio, Gerry and Dennis moved their young family to Vancouver, Washington in 1981, where they would spend the rest of their days. In 1987, Gerry began a long career of 25 years with the Vancouver Public School District, retiring in March 2012. She was known for her warm

and inviting disposition everywhere she went, especially as receptionist at the district office. Gerry developed many lasting and meaningful friendships wherever she went. Gerry and her late husband, Dennis were avid golfers and dedicated members of Royal Oaks Country Club for more than 40 years. Her team spirit is missed by many at Royal Oaks. The Shorts were also known for their philanthropy. They believed in generously giving back to their community in time and resources. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to her favorite charity, The Salvation Army, 1500 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684. The public is invited a memorial service at the First United Methodist Church, 401 E. 33rd Street, Vancouver, WA 98663, on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Gerry was a wonderful person and she always asked me about my daughter who is a Special Needs Teacher.

John and I always had at least one golf outing a year with Dennis and Gerry. Her smiling face was always a wonderful sight to see.

Bonnie Crawford - March 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to Scott on the loss of your mom. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Your mom touched a lot of people's hearts and gave so generously of her time. I remember meeting Gerry in 5th grade when Scott started school at Marshall Elementary. Gerry would always come and volunteer in our classroom with helping kids learn how to read. Your all in my thoughts and prayers. Leisa Schulze

Leisa Schulze - March 07, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ First of all I want to send my condolences to the family. She is a big loss to all her family.

Gerry and I starting playing golf together many many years ago. We both loved the sport. Once she retired she was back playing like old times. When I lost the love of my life, she was there for me during my hard times. She always remembered my birthday and sent me just because cards. My heart is broken knowing that our times together have now come to an end. Love you much my friend.

Trudy Allen 🌸 🧘 ♀ 🏌️ 🍷

Trudy Allen - March 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will be missed.



Anonymous - March 05, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gerry Short was a kindhearted generous soul who made friends wherever she went. Her warm and inviting smile made having conversation easy and natural. As the widow of the late Dennis Short and devoted supporter, she will be missed by her friends at The Salvation Army. We are grateful for the time we had! Lovingly,
Steve Rusk

Steve Rusk - March 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Gerry at the Vancouver School District when I was enrolling my kids. I then seemed to run into her everywhere; at the golf course, at Fred Meyer ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, at fundraisers, or just around town. She always took such an interest in our family and had so much energy. She was truly a wonderful person to know.

Ryan - March 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Geraldine Louise Short - February 28, 2023 at 12:00 AM