



## Ivan L. Gering

January 18, 1943 - December 17, 2024

Ivan Gering "Papa" passed away on December 17, 2024, at the age of 81, at Westview Care @ Ellsworth in Vancouver, Washington. The staff and family at Westview gave him exceptionally wonderful care during the two years he was with them.

Ivan was born in Ferndale, Washington on January 18, 1943. His parents were Richard and Henrietta Gering. He was the second of four children. His siblings are Dwight Gering, Marvin Gering and Imy Durfee.

He was married to his wife Christine Gering for 60 years. They lovingly raised their two daughters, Michelle Sullivan and Melinda Meadows in the Gresham/Vancouver area. He had 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Over his lifetime Ivan had several jobs, but his years as a youth pastor, a children's pastor, a daycare director and owner of Papa's Ice Cream were where his heart was. While owner of Papa's Ice Cream, he sparked the idea for the Washougal Festival of Trees.

Ivan's love of people, especially children and youth was his unique gift from God. And he shared that love with all he met. He delighted in photography and was able to capture many memories, flowers, and sceneries in his pictures.

He will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the following:

John Hopkins Myositis <https://www.hopkinsmyositis.org/myositis/inclusion-body-myositis/>

or

Dementia Society of America, <https://www.dementiasociety.org/lewy-body-dementia>.

# Tribute Wall



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

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Ivan L. Gering - December 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM**