



Fern Evelyn Keenan

August 28, 1932 - December 22, 2024

Fern Evelyn (Stein) Keenan, age 92, of Richland Center, WI passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 22, 2024. She died surrounded by the love of her family. She was born on August 28, 1932, the daughter of Oscar and Helen (Majors) Stein. Fern met her husband Paul on a blind date. They were united in marriage on May 23, 1953 in DeKalb, IL. They made their home in Maple Park, IL for a time before moving to Polo, IL; Burlington, IL; and then Richland Center, WI in 1973.

Fern enjoyed cooking and baking for family and friends, her recipes have been shared with many. Time spent with family was always the most important. Fern gave the BEST hugs. She loved to sing, including on the radio w/ her twin sister in their younger years. She worked as a waitress for much of her life, retiring after 30+ years at Country Kitchen. Her spirit will live on in every hug we give, every meal we share and every act of love we show.

Fern is survived by her 4 children, Debbie (Mike) Andresen of Elgin, IL; Paul "George" (Connie) Keenan of Genoa, IL; Pam (Gordy) Sebranek of Lone Rock, WI and Jodi Schmidt of Richland Center, WI. 8 grandchildren Kristi (Tom) Dunn, Chad (Anne) Sebranek, Nicole (Robby) Reuter, Michael (Ashlie) Sebranek, Dustin (Mallory) Keenan, Tracy (Eric) Heinrich, Clara Schmidt and Sylvia Schmidt. 16 great-grandchildren Hailey, Luke, Gordon-Thomas, Stefania, Addison, Samantha, Kody, Nevaeh, Brody, Sienna, Jax, Cole,

Weston, Max, Vivian and Jordan. Sisters-in-law Roseann Cady and Frances Brennan and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul in 2012; her parents Oscar and Helen Stein; sisters Mary Louise Nehring, Pearlie Klotz and her twin Faye Werts; son-in-law John Schmidt; mother-in-law Clara Keenan; additional in-laws Donald Nehring, Sheldon Klotz, Chad Werts, Madeline Keenan, Stanley Cady and William Brennan; and 5 nephews.

Private family burial will be held later at St. Mary Cemetery, Maple Park, Illinois.

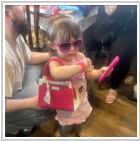
Tribute Wall

TS

“ *The Suttons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fern Evelyn Keenan.*



The Suttons - January 09, 2025 at 10:58 PM



“ *What a wonderful person she was!! I worked with her for many years at Country Kitchen. She was always smiling and joking. So sorry for your loss.*

Tina Brummer-Drunasky - January 03, 2025 at 10:19 AM

GP

“ *extending sympathy...*

ginger parkhurst - December 30, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Fern was such a wonderful caring person. My mom worked with her at Country Kitchen for many years then she came to Pine Valley where I got to enjoy her company everyday. I'm so blessed to have known her. She most definitely gave the best hugs. I will forever miss her. ❤️*

Jasmine Lundgren - December 28, 2024 at 03:27 PM

WM

“ *Our sympathy in your loss of a beautiful lady. Her smile lit up the room. Always kind words for everyone. Walt and Loretta McCarthy*

Walt/Loretta McCarthy - December 26, 2024 at 07:33 AM

VW

“ *My sympathy to the family of fern. I remember her from county kitchen*

Virginia Wiedenfeld - December 24, 2024 at 10:26 PM

JZ

“ *Fern was a lovely woman, and was always welcoming to our family. She was so special to my brother John, I know they are celebrating Christmas together.*

jean zinnen - December 24, 2024 at 10:11 PM

CS

“ *Fern and Paul were former neighbors of ours. I will miss her smiles and waves. She was a kind soul and she will be missed. Cherish the memories.*

Chris Storer - December 24, 2024 at 07:49 AM

DR

“ *Growing up and hanging out with Pam, I have such great memories of Fern being another Mom to me. Pam and I would ride our bikes and back and forth from each other's houses, and Fern was always there smiling! She will be missed!*

Diane Rutledge - December 23, 2024 at 07:46 PM

DM

I will miss going in to freshen your room. We had many a conversations and enjoyed sharing our thoughts on what was wrong in the world today. We shared lotsa hugs and laughter to and always ending with I love you. Very loving memories of a dear lady.

Donna Miller - December 24, 2024 at 10:25 PM

RO

The keenan's were neighbors, Fern was always such a wonderful lady ,her kind heart and smile. Our sympathy to the family. May God's love comfort you.

richard & susan orsburn - December 25, 2024 at 09:56 AM

LK

My Sympathy to Fern's Family. I knew Fern from the Beauty Shop back in the 70's; I still have many of the receipts that she shared. She is Celebrating Christmas with family and friends in Heaven. Probably baking up one of favorite treats. RIP Fern, you will be missed.

Linda Kleppe - December 25, 2024 at 11:25 AM