



Genevieve Pillsbury

October 11, 1929 - October 28, 2022

Genevieve Pillsbury, 93, of Petersburg, died on October 28 at Lewis Memorial Christian Village, surrounded by family. Born on October 11, 1929, in Elmhurst, Illinois, Genevieve was the daughter of Harold and Mabel (Chapell) Safford. She graduated from Wheaton Community High School in 1947 and attended Elmhurst College for one year, graduating from Illinois State University in 1951. She married Earl Lyman Pillsbury in Wheaton, Illinois, on June 13, 1954. Mrs. Pillsbury was a school teacher for 31 years, having taught kindergarten in Pahala, Hawaii and at Harvard Park and Enos Schools in Springfield, Illinois, before she married. She was a longtime kindergarten and 2nd grade teacher for the PORTA School District in Petersburg, retiring in 1992. She was a member of the Petersburg United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, the Menard County Garden Club, the Petersburg Women's Club, the New Salem Lincoln League, the Menard County Historical Society, and the Illinois Retired Teachers'

Association. She also attended New Hope Baptist Church, served as a member of the Edgar Lee Masters Memorial Museum Board, and delivered Meals on Wheels. Gerrie enjoyed sports on TV and radio, reading, and traveling, but most of all, she treasured spending time with all of her family.

Mrs. Pillsbury is survived by her six children: Paula (Rob) Throckmorton and Doug (Teresa)

Pillsbury of Petersburg, Howard (Jill) Pillsbury of Chatham, Pam (Dave) Behrens of Naples,

Florida, Scott (Mindy Summers) Pillsbury of Springfield, and Patty (Mike) Heder of Sauk Rapids,

Minnesota. She was fondly known as Grandma Gen to her 20 grandchildren: April, Rachel,

Krista, Sarah, Abigail, Rebecca, Bryan, Zachary, Spencer, Kelsey, Landon, Meghan, Britanie,

Blaine, Alexis, Corbin, Chandler, Quinten, Mallory, and Makenzy, and 32 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Kathie (John) McConnell of Long Beach, California, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Earl, a granddaughter, Alexis

Gen Pillsbury, a brother, Bill Safford, and a sister, Betty Kernahan.

Services will be held at Hurley Funeral Home on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 A.M. with her

nephew, Rev. Michael Swartz officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Her

burial will follow at Rosehill Cemetery

Memorials may be made to PORTA Central for Central Park Garden, the

Multiple Sclerosis

Society of St. Cloud, Minnesota, the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago,
the Lincoln Land

Down Syndrome Society, St. Jude, or a church of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with
arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Our memories of Gerri is when she came to her great grandchildrens birthday parties at my Tony & our daughter in law April’s home. She was always so kind & I loved listening to her & Earl’s stories about their life & hometown. Thoughts & prayers to all her family & friends.

Jhan & Mary Roberts - November 11, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Genevieve Pillsbury.



November 09, 2022 at 06:04 PM

JJ

“ I have enjoyed knowing the Pillsbury family for many years. Since returning to Springfield and attending the Methodist Church in Petersburg I have have had the privilege of delivering communion to your Mother Sending my sincere condolences. Joyce Cline Johnson

Joyce Johnson - November 06, 2022 at 04:51 PM

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“ Sebastian and Lloyd Parker purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Genevieve Pillsbury.



Sebastian and Lloyd Parker - November 04, 2022 at 02:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Genevieve Pillsbury.*



November 03, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Genevieve was a lovely Christian lady that I really enjoyed knowing. My husband, Don and our children, Michael and Karen attended the United Methodist Church between 1960 and 1968 when we lived in Petersburg. We had many times of joyous times celebrating our church connection with the Pillsbury family. May God bless you with comfort and peace.*

Shirlee Clark - October 31, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Condolences to all the family. She was a wonderful lady and teacher. May you all have fond memories.*

Patricia Vig - October 31, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Genevieve Pillsbury.*



October 30, 2022 at 03:48 PM

RL

“ Visiting your dad and mom and home and then your mom alone was always a pleasure. Seeing the "Pillsbury's Best" sign on the second grade classroom door was a reminder not just of promoting her students, but the effort she put into teaching. She was Pillsbury's Best!

Rebecca Lock - October 30, 2022 at 12:38 PM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Genevieve Pillsbury



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 30, 2022 at 07:53 AM