



## Rosemary W. Gerstner

June 10, 1922 - October 31, 2022

Rosemary Walters Gerstner, 100, joined the legions of angels and saints on October 31, 2022. She was a devoted woman of faith as well as a sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Rosemary was born in the unincorporated town of Severin, Kansas and grew up in Hays, Kansas where she was raised with her 10 sisters and 1 brother. At the age of 10, Rosemary lost her mother and sister to ptomaine poisoning. Another sister succumbed to polio. She worked as a retail clerk at Weisner's Department Store to help with family finances and graduated from Girls Catholic High. She was married almost 60 years to the love of her life, Ernest Gerstner, when he passed in 2002. Together they raised four children, Miriam Wilson, Gregory, Linda Manning (Michael), and Debra Jones (Robert).

Her half-brother, Ronald Walters and half-sister, Janet Gerstner will carry on the Walters family traditions. She also leaves eight grandchildren, Melissa Sims (John), Wanda Walters (James), Aaron and Joey Gerstner, Matthew (Chelsea) and Monica Manning, Rachel and John Jones; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren to carry on her legacy of love and faith.

In addition to her husband, Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Monica Walters, her step-mother, Rose Walters, all of her sisters, brother, step-brother and step-sister.

Rosemary's faith was most important to her. Rosemary attended St. Pius X Catholic Church in Conyers, GA, volunteering in the St. Cecilia Parish Choir, The Resurrection Choir (funeral choir), money counting, as well as aiding whenever called for last minute needs of the parish.

Once her children were in school, Rosemary worked for Internal Revenue Service during the tax season, entering returns manually, until something better came along: computers. She then trained on punch cards (remember those?). She moved on to training new employees and writing a training manual. After retirement, Rosemary became a hospital volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta, until she and Ernest moved to Conyers. She continued her hospital volunteer work for Rockdale Medical Center (now Piedmont Rockdale Hospital) for 19 years.

While Rosemary saw and experienced a lot of changes over her 100 years, she left an indelible mark on her family, friends, and church.

A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 10:30 am at St. Pius X Catholic Church with Father Juan Areiza as Celebrant; interment will follow at Peachtree Memorial Park in Norcross. Family will receive friends Friday, November 4, 2022 from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. To view service live click on the following link <https://www.YouTube.com/SPXConyers>

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Pius X Catholic Church or The Hospital Auxiliary at Piedmont Rockdale.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.



# Cemetery Details

## Peachtree Memorial Park

5051 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard  
Norcross, GA 30092

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services  
699 American Legion Rd.  
Conyers, GA 30012  
(770) 483-7216  
<https://scotward.com/>

## Service

NOV 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
2621 Hwy 20 SE  
Conyers, GA 30013

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Rosemary was a good friend of my mother Betty Schlegel in Hays, KS. Your Rosemary was a class lady, and my family respected her so much. May all of your hearts be lifted. Steve Schlegel

Stephen Schlegel - November 29, 2022 at 05:42 PM

SW

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Rosemary's passing. She was a wonderful woman and sister to my mother. Wayne Schmidt

SCHMIDT r WAYNE - November 08, 2022 at 12:21 PM

PF

“ Visiting Rosemary & Ernie was always joyfully hospitable - Of Rosemary herself, my enduring memories are of her hospital volunteering, and joining her in visiting the Trappist monastery - in short, her joy in serving others and sharing faith. Vaya con Dios...surely you do!  
Pam Fraser-Walters

Pam Fraser-Walters - November 05, 2022 at 07:54 AM

RF

“ I thank Rosemary for supporting me during my 30 years in the Navy including one year in Vietnam during the war.  
Ronald F. Walters (half brother)

RFWalters - November 04, 2022 at 03:59 PM

SP

“ I met Rosemary many many years ago. She was at my aunt Mary and Uncle Al home in Lacrosse. Al was my dad's brother.

Shirley Pfeifer - November 03, 2022 at 08:39 PM

MB

“ So sorry for the lose of a wonderful lady! I always enjoyed visiting with Rosemary at the family gathers! She was such a joy! Love and prayers! Mary Befort

Mary Befort - November 03, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Rosemary W. Gerstner.



November 03, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary W. Gerstner.



November 02, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Rosemary W. Gerstner.



November 02, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Scot Ward Funeral Services** - November 02, 2022 at 03:57 PM