

# Virginia Louise Gentry

May 17, 1943 (St. Louis, MO)

February 24, 2025 (Rockford, IL)

**V**irginia "Ginny" Louise Gentry, 81, of Rockford, Illinois, passed away on Monday, February 24, 2025. Ginny was born May 17, 1943, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Joseph and Vernice Gentry.



Ginny attended Rockford Public Schools and graduated with the West High School Class of 1961. Her first job was with Mattison Machine Works in 1961 until it closed in 1997. She then worked for Dial Industries until retirement.

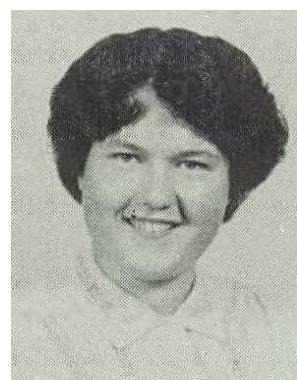
Ginny loved to craft – especially embroidery, knitting, crocheting, and needle point. Her most impressive work (and her favorite) was cross stitch, a skill for which she won a blue ribbon at the Illinois State Fair. She also had a special interest in old musicals.

Ginny will be remembered as a positive, kind, and friendly person who could approach a stranger, and become a friend by the end of their conversation. She was bubbly and bright. Despite her life challenges, she remained optimistic.

Above all, her family was everything to her. She strived to make sure connections were made even with distant relatives. She wanted her family to know they were loved. She did not have children of her own, but she poured her love into her nieces and nephews, and their children.

She is survived by her Brother, Gary Gentry; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great nephew; Brother-in-law, Michael Sullivan; and Sister-in-law, Claudette Gentry. Ginny was predeceased by her Parents; Siblings, Charles Gentry, Mary Sullivan, and Marjorie Gentry; and Sister-in-law, Kathy Gentry.

You are invited to Ginny's Celebration of Life on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at 4413 Ashchanjali Court, Rockford, Illinois 61107.



Reference: [Virginia "Ginny" Gentry Obituary - Rockford Register Star](#)