



# **Gerry F Blomgren**

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### **G**erry Blomgren Obituary

Gerry F. Blomgren, 89, passed away Monday, February 22, 2021 at the Stephens Care Center, Kendal at Oberlin. She was born March 4, 1931 in Great Falls, Montana. Her early life was spent in a number of Montana towns, Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington where she graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1948. She lived for a year in New York City and then for 60 years in Lakewood, Ohio. She has lived at Kendal at Oberlin for the past 5 years. Gerry was a volunteer for causes that she believed in passionately. While raising their children, Kathryn, Gilbert and Elinor, she served as President of the Franklin School PTA, tutor and Girl Scout Leader. She was also a lifelong member of the League of Women Voters and chaired numerous committees – always devoted to improving voter registration, and fair and equal representation for voters. Gerry also served on the Board of Trustees of West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River, including two terms as Vice President. She served on the Unitarian Universalist Ohio Meadville District Board for several terms and as the District Annual Program Fund Representative for the Unitarian Universalist Association, visiting congregations around Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Gerry served for two terms as a Public Member on the Ohio State Counselor, Social Worker and Family Therapist Board from its inception in 1985 until 1991. She was Chair of the Board in 1988 and 1989 and was named Volunteer of the Year by the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in 1991. Gerry loved to travel and the Blomgren family had many adventures when their children were young. Once the children were grown, Gerry and George traveled the world and went annually to Hawaii, one of her favorite places on earth. She loved theatre, the Cleveland Orchestra and museums around the world. She was a talented baker and a great holiday traditionalist – celebratory decorations and special meals were prepared for every holiday (big or small). Gerry is survived by George, her



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husband of 64 years; daughters Kathryn Jenish and Elinor Blomgren; son, Gilbert (Aimee) Blomgren; and a granddaughter Alicia Jenish-McCarron (Adrian). A memorial service will be planned for later in the year. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116.

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in memory of Gerry F Blomgren, please visit our floral store.

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JN

**Jennifer Penfield Nelson** posted:

Nora was my best friend in middle school and high school, and I appreciated how welcome I always felt in your home and how comfortable it felt to call Gerry "mom". She was also my Sunday school teacher in 1st grade. I have rarely visited Ohio since moving to Oregon in 1999, but I was happy to see Gerry at my baby shower in 2008, as she was on the short list of people who touched my life in a lasting way.

March 27 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Maureen Bailey** posted:

Dear Blomgren family, I was blessed to know Gerry for about 5 years as her housekeeper at Kendal. I always enjoyed chatting with her and she always made me laugh! A very kind person who will be very much missed.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

TF

**The Jokubaitis Family** posted:

Dear George, We were deeply saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. Please know that you and Gerry are in our prayers. She was a great lady and neighbor. Jae, Linas, and Alec Jokubaitis, your neighbors on Clarence Ave.

March 6 at 8:00 PM

GS

**Glenn & Pat Solomon** posted:

Gerry's enthusiastic approach to life, and her leadership and competence, were an inspiration to many. She will live on through her many contributions of time and service to Unitarian Universalist congregations and other organizations. Her like is not seen often. We were honored to know her.

March 6 at 8:00 PM

TW

**Tom Weyhing** posted:

Mrs. Blomgren- I have known you and been best friends with your son since I was 18 and I always regarded you like second mother. You and your husband were always kind and interesting, treated me well and always picked up the tab for dinner. Thank you for the memories - I will not forget you.

March 5 at 8:00 PM



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MD

**Michelle Drabik** posted:

Dear George and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. What an extraordinary woman and what an extraordinary life you built together. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

March 5 at 8:00 PM

ND

**Nancy And Tom Dial** posted:

Tom and I always enjoyed Gerry's enthusiasm, both through Franklin School PTA and later when we were volunteers with the Friends of the Lakewood Library and Gerry and George were frequent patrons to our sales. And, we were practically neighbors! A life well spent.

March 4 at 8:00 PM

DC

**Dave And Nancy Clash** posted:

Dear George and Family, Please accept our sympathy for your loss. We hope your memories will help you through this trying time. I only met Gerry a few times, and they were happy occasions. I am pleased that you have found a good place to retire. I have fond memories of our time together with the Energizer Bunny. Warmest Regards, Dave and Nancy

March 4 at 8:00 PM

BW

**Beatrice Wank** posted:

Dear George, My thoughts and prayers are with you and you family. Bea Wank

March 4 at 8:00 PM

BW

**Beverly M. Wolf** posted:

Sincere sympathy to the Blomgren family.

March 4 at 8:00 PM



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Join us in honoring Gerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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