



## Geraldine Marie Nowak

March 18, 1949 - March 13, 2022

Geraldine Marie Nowak, affectionately known as “Gerrie,” age 72, was granted her angel wings on March 13, 2022. Her final days were spent at home surrounded by her adoring family and friends; Gerrie passed peacefully with the love of her life by her side.

Gerrie was born on March 18, 1949, in Buffalo, NY where she was raised and spent most of her life. She worked in various jobs throughout her career, but the one she was most passionate about and brought her great joy was being an Interior Decorator. Gerrie loved to organize, whether it be professional functions or social events. She enjoyed dancing, decorating, as well as traveling. She was a member of the B.P.O.E Elks #829, as well as an active member of Anastasia Baptist Church. In recent years, she reconnected with a classmate with whom she found her happily ever after, Peter Vaccaro. Together, they settled in St. Augustine, FL in 2017 to be near his children. Although she had none of her own, Gerrie was welcomed by Peter’s 5 children (and 12 grandchildren) in which she became an integral part of their family. She loved to host Buffalo Bills Sunday Football gatherings with them, and cherished time spent with those she held dear to her kind heart; in turn, she was loved and admired by all who knew her. Gerrie will be eternally missed by everyone whose lives she touched, but especially by her one true love, Peter.

Gerrie is preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Nowak, who undoubtedly welcomed her home. She is survived by her loving sister, Susan M. Higgins (Gary), Buffalo, NY; her soul mate and best friend, Peter Vaccaro, St. Augustine, FL; children-in-love, Diane Vaccaro, Jennifer Sims (Andy), Valerie McQuaig (Michael Rodriguez), Brett Vaccaro, Peter Braasch, all of St. Augustine, FL; niece, Filomena Higgins, nephew, Gary Higgins Jr., great niece, Sydney Knowles, great nephew, Jordan Rusin, all of Buffalo, NY; and 12 grandchildren-in-love, all of St. Augustine, FL; as well as many special friends, near and far.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, March 20, 2022, at St. Johns Family Funeral Home. Flowers are gratefully accepted, or those wishing may contribute in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral services will commence at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2022, at Anastasia Baptist Church with Dr. Walter West officiating. Interment will follow at San Lorenzo Cemetery.

Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home oversees arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home  
385 State Road 207  
St. Augustine, FL

## Funeral Service

MAR **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Anastasia Baptist Church  
1650 A1As  
Saint Augustine, FL 32080  
(904) 471-2166

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Geraldine Marie Nowak*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - March 24, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Geraldine Marie Nowak*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - March 18, 2022 at 03:20 PM

JC

*Our heart felt sympathies from the Sooner state.Love, Jim, Millie and Kurt Calabrese.*

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**Jim Calabrese** - March 19, 2022 at 10:22 PM

KC

*A beautiful woman who carried sunshine to everyone she knew. My deepest condolences to both families as you mourn her passing.  
Kathleen (Blackwood) Cardoso*

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**Kathleen Cardoso** - March 19, 2022 at 11:07 PM

CH

*Just beautiful. An angel watching over you*

**Carol Higgins** - March 20, 2022 at 07:45 AM

EH

*This tribute to Gerrie was beautiful....she will be miss ,my deepest sympathy to all her family and friends...R.I.P sweet Angel ❤️.Elyse Harold*

**Elyse Harold** - March 20, 2022 at 09:02 AM

KS

*What a beautiful tribute to Gerrie . My she rest in peace. 🙏*

**Karen Sacco** - March 20, 2022 at 09:57 AM

DM

*She was beautiful inside and out, always friendly and smiling. Peter I am sorry for your loss.*

**Dennis McCarthy** - March 20, 2022 at 10:01 AM

SM

*The tribute for Gerry was beautiful.No matter who she meet or who she was with she was a joy full of life ,kindness and sunshine. She will be missed. RIP 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️*

**sharon macri** - March 21, 2022 at 06:55 PM

DC

*This is such a Beautiful tribute to a wonderful ❤️ friend!*

**Diane Carney** - March 21, 2022 at 07:19 PM

CK

*I will always remember Gerry as always being a beautiful, kind soul in high school. I am sure she will be surely missed by so many....*

**Christine Cain , Kinder** - March 22, 2022 at 05:46 PM

MD

“ I will miss you Gertie, dear friend. Sitting right next to you at Shea's Buffalo for so many shows, so many years was a joy and true blessing. You were one of the kindest, thoughtful people I have ever known. Thank you for all the kind hearted gifts from the heart. I'll love and remember your giving heart, loving heart and spirit. You're an Angel now. Until we meet again. Guide me towards your direction. You're in my thoughts always. I'll aspire to be more like you everyday. I love you. Sincerely, Mitch Duguay

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**Mitch Duguay** - March 21, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



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March 19, 2022 at 11:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



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March 19, 2022 at 09:08 PM

NA

“ Peter and all Family, our Gerrie will be so dearly missed. She was beautiful, sweet, caring, thoughtful. She was everything to so many of us. I still can't believe she has received her angel wings and has left us. I will love and miss her forever.



Nancy Anderhalt - March 19, 2022 at 03:27 PM

NA

“ Nancy Anderhalt lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Marie Nowak



Nancy Anderhalt - March 19, 2022 at 03:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



March 19, 2022 at 02:52 PM

RF

“ Gerrie was and in my heart a wonderful, vibrant dear friend. I know that all who knew her feel the same. My condolences to her family and friends. God bless you all in this time of sorrow.

Ron Fino

Ronald Fino - March 19, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.*



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March 19, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *In loving memory. Ada and Ken purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.*

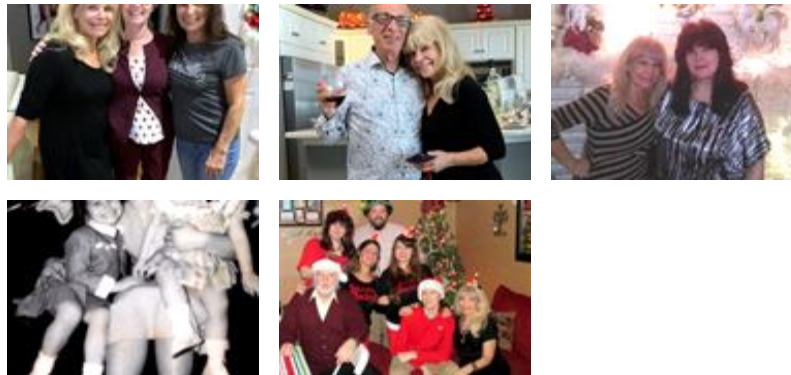


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**In loving memory. Ada and Ken** - March 18, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - March 18, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



March 18, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



March 17, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



March 17, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Majestic Heart* was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



March 17, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.*



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March 17, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Lucille K. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.*



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**Lucille K.** - March 16, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ *Lucy & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.*



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**Lucy & Family** - March 16, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ *Love Paul & Julie McGuire purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.*



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**Love Paul & Julie McGuire** - March 16, 2022 at 05:05 PM

LS

“ Love Gary And Sue purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



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**Love Gary And Sue** - March 16, 2022 at 04:07 PM

VF

“ Val's Work Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



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**Val's Work Family** - March 16, 2022 at 04:00 PM

WS

“ with Love ,Colleen and Carol Sullivan purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



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**with Love ,Colleen and Carol Sullivan** - March 16, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geraldine Marie Nowak.



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March 16, 2022 at 12:48 PM

SA

“ *Samantha/Jason lit a candle in memory of  
Geraldine Marie Nowak*



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**samantha/Jason** - March 16, 2022 at 12:41 PM