



## Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates

March 9, 1952 - March 31, 2026

Geraldine Alice Ryan, 74, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Geraldine Alice Ryan (b. 1952) passed away unexpectedly on March 31, 2026, at the age of 74. Geraldine was the second daughter of the late Joseph and Jessie Labuz of Chicago, Illinois, and the beloved wife of the late John P. Ryan, with whom she shared 43 years of marriage.

She is survived by her three children, Patrick (Jennifer), Angela Ferguson (Paul), and David; and four cherished grandchildren, Abigail Ryan, William Ryan, Caitlin Ferguson, and John “Jack” Ferguson. She is also survived by her siblings, Christine Thomas (James), Donna Miller (Theodore), Joseph Labuz (Kimberly), and Paul Labuz (Tina); and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A graduate of St. Procopius College in Illinois (now Illinois Benedictine University), Geraldine devoted her professional life to education. She was a dedicated high school teacher for many years, with her longest tenure at St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, Ohio. She believed deeply in the value of education and the importance of lifelong learning, and she brought that passion into her classroom and life every day. Her influence extended far beyond her students, shaping the lives of all who knew her.

Geraldine had a deep love for the arts and culture, including theater, music, and literature, and she carried that appreciation - and a book - throughout her life. She loved to travel, always embracing opportunities to explore new places. Whether through a novel, a performance, or a new destination, she was constantly learning and growing.

But her greatest joy was her family. Geraldine was immensely proud of her children and grandchildren and found her deepest fulfillment in being a mother and grandmother. She was a steady, loving presence in their lives—supportive, thoughtful, and always encouraging. She especially treasured time spent together as a family; time with grandchildren at sporting events in Hoffman Estates, winters in Texas, family vacations, and with gatherings during the holidays holding a special place in her heart. She will be remembered for her kindness, her intellect, and the care and devotion she gave so freely to those she loved.

Memorial visitation will be 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Monday, April 6, 2026 at Moretti's Unique Events, 2475 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169.

Family and Friend will gather at 9:45 A.M. Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169 for a 10:00 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial. Inurnment will be private- Family Only at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Niles, Illinois.

Geraldine's wish was for any donations or memorials to be made, in lieu of flowers, to The University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor (<https://giving.umich.edu/basket/fund/212568/tributee/John%20P.%20Ryan/type/memory>) , specifically for their music and art program for children. Please designate to the Child and Family Life Program #212568, with Tribute to Geraldine A. Ryan.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery in Niles

6800 Milwaukee Avenue  
Niles, IL 60714  
(847) 647-9845  
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=17>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Moretti's Hoffman Estates  
2475 W Higgins Rd  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169-2161

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Hubert Catholic Church in Hoffman Estates  
729 Grand Canyon Street  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ *My condolences to the family. Geraldine was a classmate at St. James.*

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**Greg Pryor** - April 10 at 09:39 AM

WP

“ *With Agape Love, Evon & Chance Phelps purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.*



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**With Agape Love, Evon & Chance Phelps** - April 09 at 06:33 PM

LL

“ *Sorry to hear this news about Geri. I knew her from grammar school and high school. The Labuz family became a second family for many of us who knew their children. Spent lots of time at the Labuz home on Parkside. Joe and Jessie Labuz welcomed us freely and we got to know all of the Labuz children. Many fond memories of growing up during the 1960's and the shelter and love the Labuz family provided for us. Our prayers are with you all.  
Len Lempa, Elgin, IL.*

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**Leonard J Lempa** - April 08 at 08:41 PM

FO

“ From Everyone, ABS Technology Admin Org. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



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**From Everyone, ABS Technology Admin Org.** - April 06 at 09:31 AM

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“ From Everyone, ABS Technology Admin Org. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.

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**From Everyone, ABS Technology Admin Org.** - April 06 at 09:31 AM

GB

“ To the Ryan family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love of family and friends, and strength in the memories you share. Wishing you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Gareth

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**Gareth Burton** - April 06 at 09:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.

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April 05 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.*



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April 05 at 04:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.

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April 03 at 11:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.*



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April 03 at 11:32 PM



“ *I will miss the friendship and support that Geri gave to me and my father. Geri was so interesting to talk to and full of wit and wisdom. I am praying for all of the family and friends of Geri during this difficult time. May we have peace in remembering how wonderful Geri was and what a positive impact she made to all she met. Michelle and Paul Morin*



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**Michelle Morin** - April 03 at 12:09 PM

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“ Love The Wilsons Mike Angie and Riley purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



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Love The Wilsons Mike Angie and Riley - April 02 at 06:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



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April 02 at 05:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.

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April 02 at 05:54 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



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April 02 at 05:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.

April 02 at 05:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



April 02 at 03:02 PM



“ Geri will truly be missed in our community. She was such a kind and friendly neighbor. We chatted a lot as we would see each other walking our dogs. She talked of her family with such love and pride. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ryan family. Her memory will be kept alive by all of the love she gave and shared with all of you.

Sincerely,  
Donna Paulish

Donna Paulish - April 02 at 02:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.

April 02 at 12:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



April 02 at 12:31 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



April 02 at 10:59 AM



“ Chris Leontopoulos purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



Chris Leontopoulos - April 02 at 04:36 AM



“ Chris Leontopoulos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine Alice Ryan.

Chris Leontopoulos - April 02 at 04:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



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April 01 at 10:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Alice Ryan of Hoffman Estates.



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April 01 at 06:45 PM