



## Gretchen R. Catalano

August 21, 1939 - February 10, 2023

Gretchen R. Catalano passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on February 10, 2023 at the age of 83. She was born in Chicago, IL on August 21, 1939. She is preceded in death by parents Robert (Jean) Bemberg and Floyd (Hattie) Haskins, son Lance Catalano, granddaughter Chrissy Suski and grandson Kent Catalano. She is survived by her children David (Barbara) Catalano, Kit Catalano, Wes (Sandra) Catalano, Nita (Jon) Plank and Jennifer (Steve) Hibbert, bonus sons Randy (Colleen) Schultz and Rick (Rebecca) Eland, her sister Judy (Joe) Menzel, 18 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and 1 honorary grandchild Alex.

After attending West DePere High School she obtained an LPN degree from NWTI and worked as a nurse in the Green Bay area for over 30 years.

She enjoyed knitting, rummage sales, purchasing auction items to give away. Most of all she loved throwing a theme party and being surrounded by family and friends regaling us with some crazy story that would have us all in stitches by the end.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the Aurora hospice team especially Kayla and Stefanie. She looked forward to and cherished her visits with you. Home Instead for providing the staff to keep her at home and Joan who was a friend to us all.

Visitation will be held on Saturday February 18th from 1-3pm at Christ Community Lutheran Church 1742 Servant Way, Green Bay WI with service to

follow.

In lieu of flowers Gretchen has asked that donations be made to some of her favorite charities like

Shop with a Cop,

The Green Bay chapter of Rock Steady Boxing,

Wisconsin Public Television.

# Cemetery Details

## West Danish Cemetery

Denmark, WI 54208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Christ Community Lutheran Church  
1742 Servant Way  
Green Bay, WI 54311

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (cst)

Christ Community Lutheran Church  
1742 Servant Way  
Green Bay, WI 54311

# Tribute Wall

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“ My mom was a fighter. It is what got her through. She faced so many hardships in her life. She lost the father she adored as a child, and her mother as a teenager. Married young and had six children. She put herself through school, became a nurse and worked full time plus extra hours while raising those children. All the while keeping and sharing her sense of humor, caring and being generous to strangers and friends alike. She was a good friend to others. Even in her older years when getting out and about became so difficult for her she reached out to others and took care of her family and others. She fought all the way to the end of her life. Now she is at peace, finally not having to fight any more. She is with so many that went before her, her son Lance, grand son Kent, granddaughter Chrissy, her father, and many friends, surrounded by love in heaven and feeling all the love from here. I love and miss you Mom, and I will always. I look forward to being with you in the future and know you are looking after all of us, even now. You no longer have to be strong and fight. Rest well.

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**Nita Catalano-Plank** - February 17, 2023 at 04:41 PM