



Velma J. Goerlitz

September 6, 1937 - March 31, 2026

Velma Jean Goerlitz, age 88 of Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center formerly from Amboy, Illinois passed away on March 31, 2026. She was born on September 6, 1937, in Richland County, Wisconsin, the daughter of James and Rena (Snorek) Spencer. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She worked at various jobs throughout her life including dairy farmer, homemaker, nurse's assistant for elderly care, school kitchen staff and dental assistant. She was a skilled seamstress operating a clothing alteration and sewing business making costumes for high school musicals, dresses for proms, weddings and bridal gowns. She was also an accomplished baker, her cinnamon rolls, pies and bread rolls were always family favorites.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and Rena, three sisters, Marie Spencer, Shirley Frank and Janie Spencer and a daughter Diane Goerlitz.

Survivors include; her husband John Goerlitz of Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center formerly from Amboy who she married on June 22, 1955; two children Linda (Mark) Ross of Amboy, Illinois and David (Cindy) Goerlitz of Lapeer, Michigan; three grandchildren, Christopher Ross of Rock Falls, Lucas Ross of Amboy and Morgan Ross of Dixon; one great grandchild Jillian Ross; eight brothers and sisters, Louise Nachtigal, James (Barb) Spencer, Robert Spencer, Ruth Ann (Warren) Mick, Marilyn (Steve) Pinkham, Sue (James) Huffman, Kathy Spencer and Karen Spencer.

She will be missed.

A private graveside service for immediate family only will be held Saturday

April 11, 2026

Cemetery Details

Prairie Repose Cemetery

990 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Please, accept my condolences.*

Michele Egan - April 12 at 01:22 AM

KH

“ *Kathy Spencer and Sue & Jim Huffman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Velma J. Goerlitz.*



Kathy Spencer and Sue & Jim Huffman - April 08 at 10:51 AM

BS

“ *John, David and Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. Think of Velma often, and its usually associated with her recipes! Brownies, German chocolate cake and cinnamon rolls--among a million other good memories. The picture you posted, David, of her napping in the lawn chair--I think that's the only time I've seen her sit still! 😊 Velma was a very special person and you're all in my thoughts. Betsy Shapiro*

Betsy Shapiro - April 06 at 09:38 PM

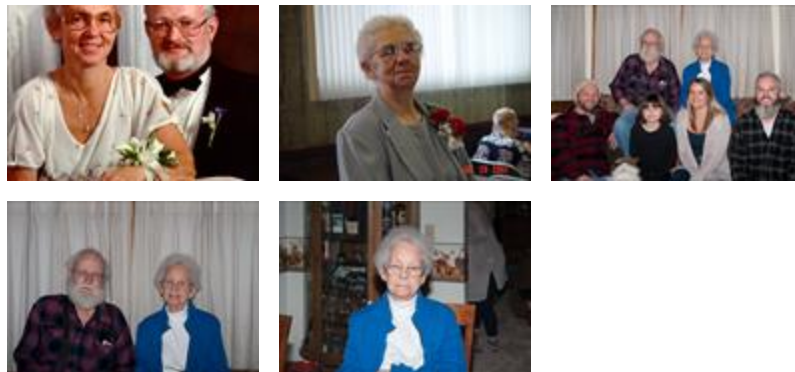


Your comments mean the world to us. Thank you

Linda Ross - April 07 at 06:06 PM

DG

“ 20 files added to the album Tribute wall



Dave Goerlitz - April 05 at 07:47 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the album Mom



Dave Goerlitz - April 05 at 07:40 PM

AS

“ Dave and Cindy, I am so sad to hear of your loss Sending love and prayers to you.

Andrea Shomock - April 03 at 06:25 PM

CG

Thank you Andrea. 💕💕

Cindy Goerlitz - April 08 at 05:52 PM

KC

“ Kevin & Rose Cunningham purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Velma J. Goerlitz.



Kevin & Rose Cunningham - April 03 at 05:25 PM

RC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Velma. In knowing Dave she must have been a beautiful soul to have raised the wonderful man he is. God bless.
Love Kevin & Rose Cunningham

Rose Cunningham - April 03 at 05:21 PM

CG

Thank you for the kind words. 💕💕

Cindy Goerlitz - April 08 at 05:51 PM

KS

“ Remembering your mom bustling about busy with various sewing jobs she was working on. Also her picking me up and all of us packed in her car to go to the Jr. High. She was at my side when I had my wisdom teeth pulled and I was so glad to have a friendly face there. So many memories... Thinking of you all.

Kathy Schutz - April 03 at 03:16 PM



“ Love and prayers for you all as you deal with the grief... that's inevitable, we miss them so much.... but we still celebrate the angel she has become and look forward to being greeted at heavens gate with her hugs.

-Rita Goerlitz Michelson-

Da Mic - April 03 at 12:09 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words....Linda Ross

Linda Ross - April 03 at 04:06 PM

RG

“ Always a sweet lady. Haven't been able to visit since Velma and John flew to Florida for my Dad's memorial service. Rick and Heidi Goerlitz

Rick E Goerlitz - April 03 at 09:30 AM



Your kind words are appreciated....Linda Ross

Linda Ross - April 03 at 04:07 PM

ED

“ Eulela, Rick, Heidi, Rita and David purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Velma J. Goerlitz.



Eulela, Rick, Heidi, Rita and David - April 03 at 08:57 AM

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“ Eulela, Rick, Heidi, Rita and David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velma J. Goerlitz.

Eulela, Rick, Heidi, Rita and David - April 03 at 08:57 AM

LI

“ I am so so sorry. I enjoyed Velma and her talents when I was part of the Amboy community. May you take comfort in good memories.
God's peace,
Laura (Gibson) Brooks

Laura Brooks, Dixon IL - April 02 at 10:24 PM



Your kind words are greatly appreciated.....Linda Ross

Linda Ross - April 03 at 04:08 PM

KS

“ So sorry for the loss to the family prayers for all

Kathy (Tanner) Spencer. - April 02 at 12:23 PM