



Geraldine Marie Johnsen

June 24, 1936 - September 7, 2025

Geraldine Marie Johnsen, age 89, passed away peacefully on September 7, 2025, with her daughter and granddaughter by her side. Known lovingly as "Gerry," she lived a life full of joy, love, and deep family connections.

Born on June 24, 1936, in Sanger, California, Geraldine was the daughter of Thurman and Gilberta Powell. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents and her brother, Robert William Powell. She is survived by her dear sister-in-law, Eva Joyce Powell, with whom she shared many cherished memories.

Gerry graduated from Woodlake High School in 1954 and went on to attend Fresno City College. In 1956, she married and relocated to Plattsburgh, New York, beginning a 16-year journey as a military wife. During that time, she lived in many places across the globe-her favorite postings included Texas, Washington, and Pakistan.

Geraldine's proudest legacy was her family. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Jan Marie (Johnsen) Rodriguez; and her sons, Mark Robert Johnsen (wife Yoly) and Eric Walton Johnsen. She was a deeply loved grandmother to seven grandchildren: Amy (Daniel) Baker, Nikki (Jonathan) Van Ryn, Kevin (Lauren) Rodriguez, Michael Johnsen, Steven Johnsen, Valen Johnsen, and Keelen Johnsen.

Her heart extended even further with the joy of ten great-grandchildren: Marie, Grace, Jack, Wes, Emery, Alice, Aiden, Thijs, Ford, and Knox. Each one brought her endless pride, laughter, and love.

Gerry was an avid knitter and found great joy in creating handmade slippers for her family-a tradition that brought comfort and warmth to all of us. When her health allowed she loved attending Pipeline Church in Visalia, CA, and especially enjoyed listening to Pastor Jeff-whose humor and heart always brought a smile to her face.

Geraldine will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to her family and could always be counted on to show up-whether it was football games, baseball games, diving meets, water polo matches, or any number of other events. Her steady presence, enthusiastic support, and unconditional love meant the world to those she cheered for. Her legacy lives on in the memories she helped create, the values she instilled, and the love that continues to surround her family.

A memorial service will be held with close family and friends on October 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Salser and Dillard in Visalia, CA.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



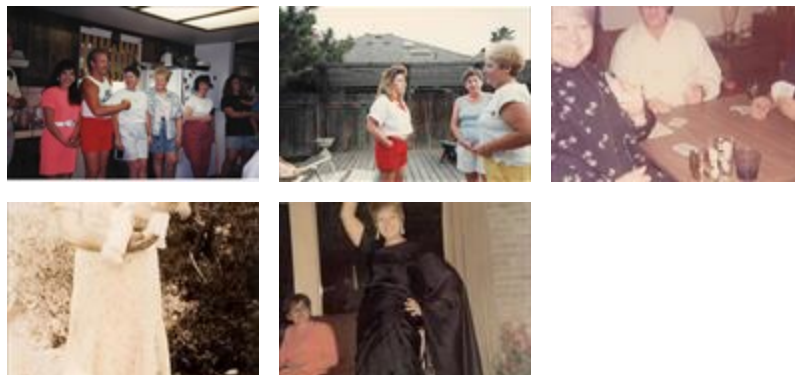
“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Geraldine Marie Johnsen*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - October 01, 2025 at 11:45 AM

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