

I am the resurrection, and the life:
He that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live:
And whosoever liveth and believeth
in me shall never die.

Believest thou this? John 11:25-26

MILITARY HONORS

Crook County High School N.J.R.O.T.C.
V.F.W. Post #1413 Dexter Fincher

PALLBEARERS

Wade Gerke ~ Dennis Gerke ~ Rockford Gerke
Kipley Gerke ~ Fredrick Gerke ~ George Gerke

INTERMENT

Juniper Haven Cemetery ~ Prineville, Oregon

Reception to follow at the Parish Hall

In Loving Memory

Maurice Gerke

BORN

August 27, 1920 ~ Carroll, Nebraska

PASSED AWAY

May 4, 2011 ~ Prineville, Oregon

VIGIL SERVICE & ROSARY

Thursday, May 5, 2011 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Prineville Funeral Home

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Friday, May 6, 2011 ~ 10:00 a.m.
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

OFFICIATING ~ Father Robert Greiner

MUSICIAN ~ GariLynn Tocher

SPECIAL MUSIC

"On Eagles Wings" ~ "You are Mine"
"One Bread, One Body" ~ "Song of Farewell"
"Amazing Grace" ~ John Pierson on the Bagpipes

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CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity, of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us

Welcome to the Services

for

Jean L Berke

Recitation of the Rosary

Friday, July 15th 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, July 16th 2016 at 10:00 AM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E 1st Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754

Celebrant

Reverend Father Christopher Elindamhen

Musician

Gari Lynn Tocher

Inurnment

Juniper Haven Cemetery
Prineville, Oregon

Behind me and before me

is God

and I have no fears.



In Memory



August 25, 1924 ~ July 6, 2016

Joan Loretta Gerke

August 25, 1924 ~ July 6, 2016

Joan Loretta Gerke, 91, a lifelong resident of Prineville, passed away July 6 in Reno, Nev.

A Rosary will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Friday, July 15 at 7 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be said on Saturday, July 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with graveside services to follow. A celebration of her life will be held at noon July 16 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.



Joan was born Aug. 25, 1924, in Prineville to George and Jenny (McCullough) Meyer. She was raised a few blocks from her father's business on Main Street, which was located next to the building that is now the Horseshoe Tavern. That

business was a furniture store/mortuary, a common combination in that time period. Joan and her childhood friends considered Prineville to be there "oyster" in which they felt free to roam and play. Joan attended all 12 years of schooling in Prineville and graduated from Crook County High School in 1942.

After graduation, she worked at the JC Penney store for four years and was part of the Prineville Ambulance Corp during World War II. She married Maurice Gerke (also a graduate of Crook County High School) in 1945 when he was home on leave from the Marine Corps. They then moved back to Prineville and bought a home on Lamonta Road across the road from Pine Products, one of several lumber mills in the Prineville area at that time. Maurice went to work for Pine Products, and they lived in the Lamonta house until Maurice's death in 2011. Joan raised five boys in the Lamonta house, and she always felt lucky to have such a great neighborhood for her family to live, work and play. It was not uncommon to have eight to 12 children playing in the yard on a summer day. She valued her neighbors and was always willing to give whatever assistance was needed.

Joan liked to be with her large family and countless friends and hosted many anniversaries, birthdays and wedding receptions at the family home. She was a life-long member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was also a member of the St. Joseph's Altar Society and dedicated many hours of her time to church functions.

An avid Notre Dame fan, she rarely missed an opportunity to watch her team play. Joan was sure to attend all of her son's activities, whether those activities were school plays or sporting events, Joan would be there rain, snow or shine. Many miles were put on the family car while attending out-of-town games.

Her hobbies included bowling, Etudier Book Club, bridge club, pinochle and slot machines. Joan was well known in Prineville and always had a good word or witty comment to almost everyone she met. Her sense of humor was almost legendary in the Prineville area. You never knew what funny thing she would come up with each time you saw her.

She is survived by her sons, Dennis and wife, Jan, of Eagle Point, Rockford and wife, Lila, George and wife, Sue, of Prineville, Kipley and wife, Joan, and Fred and wife, Deb, of Bend; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 66 years, her brother Aaron Brown, and her sisters Mary Green, Lena Plymell, Katie Stevens and Georgia Adams.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests...