



Bertha "Shorty" L. Ganswind

November 29, 1921 - January 21, 2021

Bertha Louise "Shorty" Ganswind, 99, of Centralia, passed away Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Fireside Nursing Home in Centralia.

She was born November 29, 1921 in Centralia, the daughter of William Gale Chasteen and Lucy (Atchison) Chasteen. She married Dewey Smallwood in 1938 and they later divorced. She married Robert "Buddy" Ganswind on January 24, 1953 and he preceded her in death on August 23, 2020.

She was the mother of three children: Bill Smallwood and wife Diane of Noblesville, IN; two daughters: Marilyn (Smallwood) Lollar and husband George of Gulf Shores, AL and Tonia Oberg and husband Bill of Centralia; five grandchildren: Angel Edson and husband Michael, Brett Smallwood, Ric Lollar, Michelle Conway, and Taylor Oberg; six great-grandchildren: Carrie, Daniel, Cory, Ian, Connor, and Ava.

Shorty was preceded in death by her parents: William and Lucy Chasteen; husband: Robert "Buddy" Ganswind; three sisters: Doris Taylor, Dortha Sprous, and Juanita Belcher.

Shorty was a loving mother and great cook and loved all of her family dearly. She had a hug for everyone. She loved to bowl and bowled 27 years at Bank's Bowling Alley. She was an avid Cardinals baseball fan. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia and her favorite time was spending it with her family.

Funeral Services for Shorty Ganswind will be held Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Burial

will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. A Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home with a limited amount of visitors in the funeral home at one time. Due to health concerns, face masks and social distancing will be observed. In honor of Shorty, memorial donations may be made to the Fireside House Activity Fund or Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Ganswind family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the funeral home's facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.
235 North Sycamore
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertha "Shorty" L. Ganswind*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 26, 2021 at 01:29 PM

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“ *"Aunt" Shorty was a kind, loving and generous person who loved everyone she met. I never heard her say a harsh word about anyone. She touched so many lives in her 99 years - I will miss her forever. I love her dearly. The Lord took her Home to be with Him and Bud - their 68th wedding anniversary is today - 1/24/21. My sympathies to her daughters, son, grandchildren and great grandchildren who also love her dearly. She will be missed by so many.*



Chris and Jim Hoppes

Chris and Jim Hoppes - January 24, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Bertha "Shorty" L. Ganswind.*



January 24, 2021 at 01:55 PM



Charlotte Howe

“ *Tonia, thinking and praying for all of you. I am so sorry about your mom. Charlotte Howe*

Charlotte Howe - January 24, 2021 at 01:08 PM



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“ *Take good care, Tonia, and family. My best to you*

Alice Dodson

Alice Dodson - January 22, 2021 at 11:19 PM



LH

“ *Tonia and family.....prayers for peace and comfort at this special time. So sorry for your loss.*

Linda Helmbrecht - January 22, 2021 at 06:55 PM

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“ No one has influenced my life as profoundly as Shorty since my Grandmother. Always welcoming and offering nourishment, and not just her great cooking, but unconditional love, she is the glue that holds the family together. Small in stature and in days gone by, beautiful in her size 4 heels, her generosity of Spirit is unmatched. For 73 years, I've been the beneficiary of all of it. I thank God for her! Donna Oakes, Blessed sister-in-law

Dona Oakes - January 22, 2021 at 10:03 AM

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“ We will miss her great sense of humor, her cheerfulness and love she always gave. She was loved by so many and we are glad that she was a part of our family. Our sympathy goes out to Bill, Marilyn and Tonia. We all will miss her.

Gary & Judy Atchison - January 22, 2021 at 08:25 AM

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“ Tonia and family,
What wonderful memories you all have your mom, grandmother and friend. She will be missed beyond words but is blessed with peace. God be with you all.
Tamara

Tamara S Purcell - January 21, 2021 at 10:59 PM