



Evelyn I. Gonser

January 12, 1940 - November 3, 2025

ADRIAN- Evelyn I. Gonser, age 85, of Adrian, Michigan, passed away on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility surrounded by family, while under the loving care of Hospice of Lenawee.

Evelyn “Evie” was born on January 12, 1940, in North Platte, Nebraska, the daughter of Rev. Earl Stalker and Anna Swede (Kern) Geer. She graduated from Croswell-Lexington High School.

On June 13, 1958, Evie was united in marriage to Kenneth H. Gonser at the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, MI. In their 62 years together, they were blessed with three daughters and much love and laughter before Ken’s death in 2020.

Evie’s attention to detail and professionalism were characteristics she displayed daily while working at the Adrian Chamber of Commerce from 1976 to 1981. Her next career move landed her at Merillat Industries as an administrative assistant from 1981 until her retirement in 2002.

Evie had a lifelong love of sports. In her younger years, she was an active participant, playing both softball and hockey, and she carried that enthusiasm throughout her life. In her later years, she became an ultra-fan of her favorite teams - the Lions, Tigers, and Spartans. Family and friends knew every

victory and remained loyal through every heartbreaking loss. Her positive outlook was her trademark, and she loved her family with all her heart and without condition, finding her greatest joy in their company and accomplishments. During her five years at Lenawee Medical Care, her warmth and sunny way brightened the days of staff and residents alike, and she was deeply loved in return.

She is survived by her daughters, Terri (Mitchell) Fields, Kim (Jeff) Langley, and son-in-law, Ben Stornant; seven grandchildren, Zachary (Pao) Stornant, Lindsey (Thad) Mills, Trevor Stornant, Chelsea Fields (Chris Genovese), Abby Fields (Anthony Tavares), Joshua (Nicole) Langley and Jordan Langley (Mason Watrous); six great grandchildren, Mila and David Stornant, Lia and Livia Mills, and Lucas and Lillian Stornant; twin sisters, Barbetta Raymond and Betty Morris; sisters-in-law, Lynn Geer, Maria Gonser-Fry, and Marylynn Gonser. In addition to her husband, Ken, she was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Dawn Stornant; and brother, Paul Geer.

Memorial services for Evie will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 11 AM at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, with Rev. Alice Ford officiating. Family will receive friends from 10 AM until the service begins. Inurnment will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens, Tecumseh.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choosing.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens

Corner of M50 and M52
Tecumseh, MI 49286

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn I. Gonser.*



April 17 at 03:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Evelyn I. Gonser.*



April 13 at 08:19 PM



“ *Evie was a positive, quiet, loving person who welcomed others into her life. Bob and I enjoyed being with her and Ken. We had great times together whether joking, fishing or relaxing. I remember when Dawn was born. Evie had a difficult recovery. Ken called Bob asking if I could help with her needs. Mom Gonser watched Karen while I was at Evie's bedside. It was a blessing to watch her become stronger. Both Ken and Evie welcomed Jack into the family when we were married. Evie and I had a good visit last fall where we laughed and cried together. I am thankful for that time. I miss both. My love and God's blessing to the family. Maria*

Maria Gonser-Fry - April 13 at 11:04 AM

MG

“ It was always a joy to be with Ken and Evie. Bob looked forward to the joking, comradery, and love shown. I remember Ken calling Bob to say Evie was in the hospital when Dawn was born. Evie needed special care and asked if I would be able to nurse her. We packed Karen, headed to Adrian where Mom Gonser watched Karen while I took care of Evie. What a blessing to be with her. Later, after Bob was killed, and I married, they welcomed Jack into the family. Everyone was welcome. I am thankful I was able to visit Evie where we laughed and cried together in the fall. I miss both. My love to all.
Maria

Maria Gonser-Fry - April 13 at 10:53 AM

KB

“ Evie and I played church softball together. Her smile was infectious! Always a kind word. The world will miss this beautiful woman.

Karol "KZ" Bolton - November 07, 2025 at 02:05 PM

RS

“ Evie and I were neighbors at LMCF. We got to be great friends being fans of the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, and especially the MSU Spartans! Evie always had a smile and something kind to say to and about everyone she knew. We shared life time stories and memories, we laughed together, cried together and prayed together. Evie loved her family, her daughters were her pride and joy. Evie I will miss you, your friend and neighbor, Ron

Ron Sneary - November 04, 2025 at 09:43 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss . Sending hugs & prayers
Evie was one of my favorite people at Merillat.
She was one of the most positive people I
knew. Shared her love for the Tigers & Lions
with my late husband
She will be sorely missed
Rest in peace my friend

Margret Borders



Margret Borders - November 04, 2025 at 05:58 PM