



Mary Arlene Bender

January 23, 1936 - February 25, 2025

BENDER - Mary Arlene (nee Gerber) of Milverton, Ontario, passed away peacefully at Listowel Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her children, on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the age of 89 years. Beloved wife of Delmar H. Bender, whom she married on September 17, 1955. Loving mother of Barry Bender and his wife, Denise of Wellesley, and Barbara Bender of Elmira; dear grandmother of Aimee Bender (Josh Hamacher), Derek Bender (Katie) and Alyssa Boyadjian (Tim); and great-grandmother to Winston and Marra Bender, and Anna, Javen and Asher Boyadjian. She will be sincerely missed by her sisters and brother: Irene Troester, Elmer "Bud" Gerber (Ruth) and Judy Mohr (John), sisters-in law Grace Brunk and Elizabeth Gerber. She will be fondly missed by many nieces and nephews. Mary was predeceased by her parents, John K. Gerber and Anna (nee Yoder), sisters and brothers-in-law: Frieda Jutzi (Dave), Clara Leis (Lester), John Gerber (Pauline), Hans Troester, Madeline Roth (Alvin), Jean Bender, Oliver Brunk, Vernon Bender, and nephew Jeremy Gerber, and niece Elva Mae Roth.

In 1940, Mary's parents left Michigan and moved to Ontario with their three oldest children, Frieda (6 years old), Mary (4 years old) and Clara (3 years old). They settled on a 50-acre farm in Ellice Township. Mary was among the first geriatric aides trained by Knollcrest Lodge, where she worked for many years, and where she resided at the end of her life. She also worked as the Manager of Milverton MCC Thrift Store. Mary was an active member of Milverton Christian Fellowship, where she enjoyed serving on the organizing

committee for the Women's Coffee Break meetings for several years. She was a gifted artist and musician who loved to sing and worship, play guitar, autoharp, piano and dobro guitar. Mary's faith was inspirational to everyone who knew her.

Special thanks to the staff of Knollcrest Lodge and Listowel Memorial Hospital for all your care and comfort.

Friends may call at the FUTHER-FRANKLIN FUNERAL HOME, 1172 Henry Street Wellesley, on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. & 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Milverton Christian Fellowship Church, 6619 Perth Road 131, Milverton at 10 a.m. Pastor Brent Boshart officiating. Spring interment will take place at Rush Cemetery, Wellesley.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to Milverton Christian Fellowship, Crossroads Christian Communications Inc. or Knollcrest Lodge would be appreciated.

Mary Bender Funeral Service

Time: Mar 3, 2025 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87287029412?pwd=bVqkivcGvAOapc6fEGvBJnvhAxOBhr.1>

Meeting ID: 872 8702 9412

Passcode: 375499

Cemetery Details

Rush's Cemetery

1915 Hutchison Road
Crosshill, ON N0K1L0 (CA)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Futher-Franklin Funeral Home
1172 Henry Street
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0 (CA)
(519) 656-2880
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Visitation

MAR 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Milverton Christian Fellowship Church
6619 Perth Road 131
Milverton, ON N0K1M0 (CA)

Pastor Brent Boshart officiating

Tribute Wall



“ *Futher-Franklin Funeral Home created a Zoom webcast of funeral service for Mary Bender in memory of Mary Arlene Bender*



Futher-Franklin Funeral Home - February 27, 2025 at 09:44 AM

JB

Barry, Denise, Amy, Derek, Alyssa and families. Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. Joe and Cathy Boyadjian

Joe and Cathy Boyadjian - February 27, 2025 at 06:38 PM

NH

Our deepest sympathies to Barry and Barbara and families where classmates at the Wellesley Public School The Searth Family

Nancy Searth Henry - March 01, 2025 at 12:24 PM

BL

Sending sympathy to cousin Delmar and the family. Bruce & Sharon Leis

Bruce Leis - March 02, 2025 at 10:21 AM

BJ

“ *Sending my deepest Sympathy to Mary's family. We will all miss her so much at Knollcrest. I had the distinct pleasure of working with Mary when I started working at Knollcrest.*

Betty Jones - February 28, 2025 at 04:43 AM

RD

“ Rick, Lorrie and Ethan Diehl purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Mary Arlene Bender.



Rick, Lorrie and Ethan Diehl - February 27, 2025 at 07:39 PM

RD

“ Rick, Lorrie and Ethan Diehl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Arlene Bender.

Rick, Lorrie and Ethan Diehl - February 27, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Arlene Bender.



February 27, 2025 at 06:48 PM

ML

“ Mary and Delmar were strong supporters of “marriage encounter “ organization for years and just recently I found the prayer candle that was given to Mel and myself with Mary and Delmar’s name on it as prayer supporters! THANK YOU!
Our deep condolences to all of the family as you grieve this separation, but also rejoice in her transfer to the best home ever!

mel and marlene lichty - February 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM

CM

“ *Barry, Denise and Barbara and to all family, I sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother. I will keep you in my prayers during this difficult time.*

Carolyn and Jeffrey



Carolyn Mueller - February 27, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JR

“ *Condolences to the family. I am friends of Irene, Bud & Ruth. I cannot make visitation and I am busy Monday. Remember the good times*

June Raycraft - February 27, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ *Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mary Arlene Bender*



Chris Franklin - February 27, 2025 at 09:30 AM