

**Genevieve "Genny" V. Manea, 91**  
**Sauk Rapids, MN**  
**July 21, 1925 - June 29, 2017**



Genevieve "Genny" Vera Manea passed away on June 29, 2017, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids. She was 91.

Genny was born on July 21, 1925, in Popple Creek to her parents, Emil and Hannah (Blau) Skuza. In 1942 Genny, along with mother Hannah and stepfather Donald Keller, moved to San Francisco, Calif. In 1944 Genny met a young sailor named George Manea and in 1945 George and Genny were wed in El Cerritos, Calif. Shortly thereafter they returned to Sauk Rapids to raise their family.

Genny was a widely known and beloved member of the Sauk Rapids community. She was an active congregant of Peace United Church of Christ in St. Cloud for most of her life where she was also a dedicated member of a quilters group that donated hand-made quilts to families in need. Along with husband George, Genny was a member of the Lions club and the Pearl Harbor Survivor Association, the latter of which was especially important to Genny in her later years. Genny was also a fixture for many years at Manea's Meats, a local business owned by son Donald and daughter in-

law Alina, where she was a much-loved member of a broad extended family. Perhaps above all, Genny was cherished for her exceptionally generous and welcoming nature. Genny worked tirelessly raising her family and this dedication to providing never left her. For many decades, her home was a gathering place for friends and family to share stories, food, games and company. She will be widely remembered for her kind smile and the simple well wishes that accompanied the countless plates of cookies and loaves of poppy seed bread she gave away.

Genny is survived by her son Scott Manea and daughter in-law Peg; her son Donald Manea and daughter in-law Alina; her daughter Jill Manea-Dyer and son in-law Mike; and daughter in-law Judy Baker. Genny is also survived by grandchildren Lisa Abresch, Gina Hugo, Christopher Manea, Cristina Powell, Donald Jr. (Paco) Manea, Susana (Susi) Manea, Joe Dyer, Megan Dyer, Joe Manea and Jeremy Manea. Genny is survived by 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Emil and Hannah Skuza, stepfather Donald Keller, brother Arnold Skuza, sister Renee Notch, son Gary Manea, grandson Jonathan Manea and her beloved husband, George.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids for assisting in Genny's care. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Peace United Church of Christ in St. Cloud.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. July 6 at Peace United Church of Christ in St. Cloud. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. July 5 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids and also one hour prior to services at the church Thursday morning. All were welcome to attend and celebrate Genny's life.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).