



Mrs. Geraldine J. Fitzgerald

May 3, 1932 - November 15, 2025

Geraldine J. Fitzgerald

Age 93, passed away on November 15, 2025 at the Wesley Nursing Home in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Parents, predeceased – Vincenzo and Assunta Leopardi

Siblings, all predeceased – Rachel Earley, Helen Pilgrim, Margaret Loparco, James Leopardi, Ronald Leopardi and R. Dawn Birdseye. Predeceased by her husband Joseph W. Fitzgerald Sr., her long-time companion Dr. Gregory Dodds and grandson Daniel Provost.

Survived by her children, Joseph (Maureen) Fitzgerald of Cortland, Maureen (Ken) Provost of Ballston Lake, NY and Nancy Brown of Elizabethtown, KY, grandchild Shawn (Bri) Ford of Tully and two great-grandchildren, Landen Ford and Grayson Ford, and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gerri was born in Cortland on May 3, 1932 and lived her entire life in Cortland. She was a member of the Cortland Normal School class of 1950 and was a proud recipient of her GED in 1986.

Gerri was an extremely talented seamstress and crafter, having exhibited at

local craft fairs over the years. Cherish the apron she may have gifted or sold you over the years. She lived independently until earlier this summer. Over the years, Gerri enjoyed employment with Cortland Works, H&R Block, Jones Jewelry Store, Alfred's Jewelry Store, The Hosiery Shop, Newberry's 5 & 10 and the A&P grocery store to name a few. Her volunteer activities included the Cortland Historical Society, hospital gift shop and local food pantry.

She was a devout Catholic and communicant of St. Mary's Church, a past member of their funeral committee, adult choir and a 65+ year member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, having been named the Court Cortland 919 Catholic Daughter of the Year in 2008.

She was very proud that her pumpkin pies took first, second or third place ribbons at the fall Cortland Pumpkin Fest 2008-2012.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The Christian Rite of Committal and Burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

The family will be present to receive friends on Wednesday from 4- 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

TF

“ I am proud owner of one of Miss Jerri's aprons. I worked with Jerry in 1985-1986 at Fashion Bug. My condolences to the family.
Tina Fox



Tina Fox - December 05, 2025 at 11:54 PM

JS

“ I hadmissed Geraldine's visits at the local Joann Fabrics store for the last few years. I often assisted her as she shopped for fabrics for aprons or other projects. We had such nice conversations when she came in. I am sorry for your loss.

From Jeanette Simons...Store Manager at Cortland Joann Store.

Jeanette Simons - December 01, 2025 at 12:48 PM

GB

“ Joe, Maureen and Nancy. I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful and kind woman.

My condolences to you and your families

Greg Bogardo - November 27, 2025 at 10:18 AM

MW

“ Geri was the kindest neighbor anyone could ever ask for. A genuine friend. There were a lot of years between us, a lot of miles now too, but she was the type of person who just had a completely selfless sense of compassion and yet wasn't going to be a push over. Spunky, smart and so funny. I will miss her so much, I know her family will as well and I hope each of them knows how much she loved them. She talked about them all the time. May everyone take comfort in the years of wit, service and teachings she gave. Rest gently Geri, rest gently.

PS I put that tree back that was ripped out of the front yard. Hopefully this one gets to grow forever.

Matthew Weeman - November 20, 2025 at 11:11 PM

NB

Thank you Matt, we appreciate your kind words!

Nancy Brown - November 27, 2025 at 02:09 PM

MW

“ Matthew W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geraldine J. Fitzgerald.

Matthew W. - November 20, 2025 at 11:03 PM

AB

“Geri, was one of my favorites at the Cortland Works Career Center. She and I shared some special times together, she worked on several sewing projects for me and she always waved whenever I saw her out driving through the neighborhood! I will miss her deeply! my condolences to all of the family.



Amy Buggs - November 19, 2025 at 12:47 PM