

Connie A. Zemlicka (Keister), age 82 years, of Kewaskum was called home to be with the Lord on March 30, 2025, at Froedtert West Bend Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Connie was born on August 2, 1942, in Freeport, Illinois to Roger and Beulah Keister (Iserman). She was united in marriage to Howard Zemlicka on June 10, 1961, at The Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa.

Connie graduated from Dakota High School (IL) in 1960. She was a Kindergarten Teacher at Wayne Elementary School. She earned her Bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and went on to earn her Master's degree from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Connie was a longtime member at Peace United Church of Christ where she had been Church President, Church cemetery record keeper and administrator, and served on numerous church committees.

Connie was very active in her community. She was involved with Habitat for Humanity, the Kewaskum Library Board, KEYS, Inc., and many other organizations. She enjoyed playing cards, gardening, quilting, sewing, was an avid reader, and theatre enthusiast, and most recently, studying genealogy. Most of all she loved spending time with her family.

Those Connie leaves behind to cherish her memory include her husband of 63 years, Howard; two daughters, Julann (Jeff) Zemlicka-Retzlaff and Jennifer (Dan) Gerhartz; grandchildren, Jake Zemlicka-Retzlaff, Zachary Retzlaff, Samuel (Gabi) Zemlicka-Retzlaff, Nicolai (Brianna) Gerhartz, Anastasia Gerhartz, Aleksandr (Jenna) Gerhartz, Sophia Gerhartz, and T'sion Gerhartz; and great-granddaughters, Harper and Adeline. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Connie was preceded in death by her brother, Darrell Keister.

Memorials in Connie's name can be directed to Kewaskum Public Library Foundation.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Froedtert West Bend Hospital for their care and compassion.

Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Connie's arrangements. For additional information or to leave an online condolence on the tribute wall, please visit [www.myrhum-patten.com](http://www.myrhum-patten.com).

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*In Memory*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**Connie A. Zemlicka**

**BORN TO LIFE**  
August 2, 1942  
Freeport, IL

**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE**  
March 30, 2025  
West Bend, WI



*May He support us all the day long  
Till the shades lengthen  
and the evening comes  
And the busy world is hushed  
And the fever of life is over  
And our work is done  
Then in His mercy . . .  
May He give us a safe lodging  
And a holy rest and peace at the last.*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

Sunday, April 6, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

Peace United Church of Christ  
Kewaskum, Wisconsin  
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard officiating

**PALLBEARERS**

Jake Zemlicka-Retzlaff      Zachary Retzlaff  
Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff      Nicolai Gerhartz  
Aleksandr Gerhartz      Craig Rosenthal