



Marcella Jane (Bobeldyk) Gerritson was born in Rock Valley, Iowa, on November 15, 1939, to John M. and Tillie Bobeldyk. She went to school in Inwood, Iowa and graduated in 1957. On July 15, 1958, she married Thomas F. Gerritson. Tom was enlisted in the USAF, and they were stationed and lived in Lincoln, Nebraska (Lincoln AFB), Cheyenne, Wyoming (F.E. Warren AFB), Guam (Anderson AFB), and Rapid City, South Dakota (Ellsworth AFB). They were blessed with three children, Vicky, Allen, and James.

Through her married life she was able to be a stay-at-home mom. Her passion in life was sewing, quilting, crocheting, and crafting. She was a huge Elvis fan and was able to see him when he came to Rapid City. Marcella collected anything Elvis. For fun she rode on the back of Tom's Harley as they went riding in the Black Hills. Tom and Marcella enjoyed Camping with family and friends. Following Tom's death in 2005, she continued to live in Rapid City until 2024 when she moved to South Sioux City, Nebraska to be closer to Vicky.

In the last 20 years she crocheted over 10,000 (this is a very close guess) kitchen scrubbies. She was known as the "Scrubbie Lady". She loved that everyone liked her scrubbies and would say have a scrubtacular day!

When she heard she was terminal with cancer, she said she was ready to see Tom and that she lived a good life! Marcella passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at the Mitchell House in Sioux City, Iowa, at the age of 86.

Marcella is survived by her daughter, Vicky (Mark) Johnson of South Sioux City, Nebraska; son, James Gerritson of Seaback, Washington; six grandchildren, Melissa (Lee) Tortorice, Thomas (Jessica) Gerritson, Marcella Gerritson, Randall Gerritson, Suzanna Coleman, and Robert (Rachel) Johnson; and nine great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Ora Bobeldyk, Bev Zorink, Diana Wentworth, Kathy Moody, and Coralee Knoblock; and brothers-in-law, Jack Gerritsen, Bill Gerritsen, and Mike Gerritsen.

She was preceded in death by parents, John M. and Tillie Bobeldyk; husband, Thomas F. Gerritson; son, Allen L. Gerritson; brother, Jerry Bobeldyk; parents-in-law, John and Greta Gerritsen; and brother-in-law, Kenny Garretson.

In Loving Memory
Marcella Jane Gerritson

November 15, 1939 ~ July 8, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Porter Funeral Home

Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Patti Meyer

First Lutheran Church

South Sioux City, Nebraska

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Amazing Grace"

"Peace In the Valley"

"How Great Thou Art"

Elvis Presley

PALLBEARERS

Robert Johnson ~ Randy Gerritson ~ Tommy Gerritson

Adam Gerritsen ~ Brutus Rico ~ Tim Bobeldyk

Mike Bobeldyk ~ Louis Ewing ~ Jon Ewing

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Melissa Tortorice ~ Marci Gerritson

Suzi Coleman ~ Rachel Johnson ~ Breanna Rico

LUNCHEON

Inwood Community Center

INTERMENT

2:30 PM, Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Sharla McCaskell

Knollwood Heights Methodist Church

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, "Come with Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

