



## John W. Gerlt

July 21, 1938 - January 15, 2025

John W. Gerlt, age 86, of Versailles, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City. He was born July 21, 1938, in Sycamore, Illinois, a son of the late Walter Christopher Daniel and Sally Elizabeth (Woolery) Gerlt.

On June 16, 1967, at the Ritchie Baptist Church by Reverend Delmon Marriott, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife Fay (Martin) Gerlt.

John was a member of the Glensted United Methodist Church, a founding member of the Versailles Saddle Club and was a board member and cemetery sexton for the Glensted Cemetery for many years.

He enjoyed gardening and flowers, woodworking and was always tinkering and building various projects for his friends and family.

John had a big heart and never left anyone out. He loved children and they loved him. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his wife, Fay, he is survived by his sons, J.T. Gerlt and wife Michelle and Chris Gerlt and wife Amanda all of Versailles, Missouri; grandchildren, Brett Gerlt and wife Hannah, Cora Gerlt, Iris Gerlt, John Gerlt and Hazel Gerlt due to be born in April; his brother, Richard Gerlt and wife

Mary of Gravois Mills, Missouri; sisters-in-law, Becky Baughman of Jefferson City, Missouri and Jane Hurley of California, Missouri; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Pat Gerlt.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, January 18th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Pati Robertson officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Glensted Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Glensted United Methodist Church or the Glensted Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Cemetery Details

## Glensted Church Cemetery

11516 Glensted Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ John was one of the Glensted Story tellers and shared with me at our Memorial Day Dinners. I have always been so grateful for his knowledge of the History of my ancestors. You will be missed by everyone who knew you.  
Condolences to your family, to your friends and to your community.

*Bonnie Morris Conrad*

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**Bonnie Conrad** - January 25, 2025 at 07:45 PM

SL

“ A good man taken to soon. My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you.  
Love the Long Family.



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**ShaNay Long** - January 23, 2025 at 12:13 PM

MH

“ Such a nice man. Always smiling and went out of his way to talk to Franke whenever he saw him.

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**Mary & Franke Hampton** - January 22, 2025 at 11:14 PM

CN

“ I have many wonderful memories of attending church with your entire family. John was a hard working, Christian man who loved his family, and his church. My prayer for you is that you find comfort knowing that you and your family are being lifted up in prayer, and John is home with Jesus.

*In Christ's unending love,  
Cheryl Nolting*



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**Cheryl Nolting** - January 18, 2025 at 09:39 AM

DA

*John was one of the finest men that Morgan County had to offer. His stories about local history and Glensted were always an inspiration to me. God bless the family in your time of grief. Dan Adkison*

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**Dan Adkison** - January 19, 2025 at 01:28 AM

LD

“ Linda Daniels lit a candle in memory of John W. Gerlt



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**Linda Daniels** - January 17, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Kidwell-Garber Funeral Homes** - January 17, 2025 at 04:13 PM

DH

“ Deanna Hodges lit a candle in memory of John W. Gerlt



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**Deanna Hodges** - January 17, 2025 at 10:16 AM

OP

“ So sorry for your loss J T Gerlt.

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**Oma Percival** - January 17, 2025 at 08:22 AM

TK

“*Fay, J. T. and Richard, my thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of John. I remember riding Harry McColleston's school bus with John when I was in the sixth grade. It was not until later years that I came to appreciate John's carpentry skills. May our Lord and memories comfort John's family and friends during this time and in days to come.*



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**Tom & Yvonne Kerr** - January 17, 2025 at 01:00 AM

BM

“*Billy Joe & Sheila Moon lit a candle in memory of John W. Gerlt*



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**Billy Joe & Sheila Moon** - January 16, 2025 at 10:22 PM

SS

“*Shirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of John W. Gerlt*



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**Shirley Sumner** - January 16, 2025 at 09:45 PM

MM

“ So very sorry. Thoughts and prayers.



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**Michele Miller** - January 16, 2025 at 09:15 PM



“ David White lit a candle in memory of John W. Gerlt



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**David White** - January 16, 2025 at 09:13 PM

SR

“ SHIRLEY ROOT lit a candle in memory of John W. Gerlt



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**SHIRLEY ROOT** - January 16, 2025 at 07:21 PM