



Wanda Ruth Gant Gers

February 1, 1941 - June 10, 2025

Wanda Ruth (Gant) Gers, of Salem, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the Seville Nursing Center in Salem. She was 84 years old.

Wanda was born on February 1, 1941, in Bunker, Missouri, to the late Leonard and Ellen (Wilkins) Wisdom. She was united in marriage to William Gant, and together they shared a life rooted in family and faith, raising three beloved sons.

A devoted homemaker and hard worker, Wanda spent many years helping operate the family's restaurant business in Bunker. She became locally known for her lighter-than-a-cloud yeast donuts—a true favorite among friends and neighbors. Wanda had a remarkable way of making people feel at home, whether through her incredible cooking, her generous spirit, or her welcoming heart. She never met a stranger. She went to work for the University of Missouri Extension. She went to the rural schools to show the kids about the nutritional value of what they eat while teaching mothers how to stretch their WIC dollars to get more food for their family. She did this for 25 years before retiring.

Fiercely loving and full of conviction, Wanda valued her family above all else. Her grandchildren brought her immense joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them. Holidays and family gatherings were her specialty, always filled with warmth, laughter, and home-cooked meals.

Wanda was a woman of strong faith and a deep love for the Lord, values that

guided her throughout her life. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Her presence will be deeply missed but her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

She is survived by her sons, A.G. Gant and wife Karen of Columbia, MO, and Terry Gant and wife Laura of Licking, MO; daughter-in-law, Tracy Gant of Bunker, MO; brothers, Robert Wisdom of Salem, MO, and David Wisdom and wife Gwen of Bunker, MO; sisters, Dorothy Akins and husband Dick of Bunker, MO, Vera Luttrell and husband Rick of Salem, MO, and Debbie Batson and husband Mike of Bunker, MO; sister-in-law, Bonnie Wisdom of Bunker, MO. Wanda is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, William Gant (2001); her son, Joey Gant; brothers, Charles and Gary Wisdom; and sisters-in-law, Pat Wisdom, and Linda Wisdom.

Funeral services for Wanda Ruth Gers will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary, with Brother Danny Patterson officiating. Interment will follow at Greely Cemetery in Bunker. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Greely Cemetery. Cards are available at all James & Gahr Mortuary locations.

Cemetery Details

Greeley Cemetery

Greeley, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
103 West Center
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Service

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ I always enjoyed delivering meals to Wanda. She was a joy to visit and chat with. I have missed having her on my meal route once a month.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the soul of Wanda, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Margaret Rosemann - June 20, 2025 at 12:10 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Wanda Ruth Gant Gers.



June 15, 2025 at 10:29 PM

FG

“ From Nick Gant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda Ruth Gant Gers.

From Nick Gant - June 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM

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“ From Nick Gant purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Wanda Ruth Gant Gers.



From Nick Gant - June 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM

BH

“ *Such an amazing wonderful lady. You will truly be missed by many!!! We love you Wanda and it was our upmost pleasure having you as our friend! Fly high beautiful ❤️Brandy n Willie*

brandy & willie Hampton - June 14, 2025 at 02:07 PM

DS

“ *My condolences on the loss of Wanda, she was always so full of life. I know she will be missed. Prayers for her family and friends to find comfort knowing the promises God has made to us are true. We will meet again. Sincerely, Dalinda Johnson Smith*

Dalinda Smith - June 14, 2025 at 06:45 AM

JG

“ *I had the honor of meeting Wanda and doing her hair when she was at cedar point nursing home. Such a sweet lady. She will be missed*

jennifer grotha - June 12, 2025 at 05:28 PM