



Geraldine A. Hackert

November 23, 1951 - May 20, 2025

Geraldine A. Hackert passed away at her home in Blacksburg, VA on May 20, 2025 at the age of 73. She was born in Torrington, CT on November 23, 1951, the daughter of the late Jerry B. Milanese and Isabel J. Milanese.

After graduating from Florida State University with a degree in mathematics she completed her Master's Degree in statistics at Virginia Tech. She was employed by Corning, Inc. in Corning, NY for 23 years and retired as a Corporate Planning Analyst.

Geraldine met her best friend and husband, Mike, while both were employed at Corning and they married in 1997. She followed Mike and the Navy to Southern Maryland in 2004 where they spent 20 years living in their "McMansion." They shared many adventures and travels together over their 27 years (although Mike always said it was 35 because they both knew from the start in 1990 that they were meant to be together).

Geraldine was an avid reader and belonged to the Blacksburg "Newcomers" Club, which provides a sense of community no matter how long you have lived in Blacksburg. She also became active in her new church volunteering in the limited time her cancer treatment gave her.

In Southern MD, Geraldine became a docent at St. Mary's City. She then indirectly got Mike involved as a tall ship crew member, enjoying the adventures which that created. The City fully embraced her; volunteering at their new chapel earned her the nickname "Chapel Chick" which she hated but earned it by keeping the City's Research Director on his toes.

She always reminisced about how she loved the mountains and volunteering at Corning's historical society learning open hearth cooking. She was so thankful she was able to live her final days in the mountains of Blacksburg.

She is survived by her husband Michael Hackert of Blacksburg, VA and her sister Karen

B. Worrall (David) of Burlington, CT.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family. Those wishing to make a memorial gift can send it to: St. Mary's Catholic Church --- Debt Reduction, 1205 Old Mill Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060, (540) 552-1091

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN 10. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1205 Old Mill Road #3705
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I wanted to thank all that commented. It has meant a lot to me during these trying times. I have also been pleased and impressed with all of the people of whom I was unaware with whom I had the pleasure of sharing Geraldine's life. I thought I would share a final observation regarding her end. Her health began to degrade rapidly when she was diagnosed with a collapsed lung and active cancer in January. She didn't even get through chemo before she knew that this was "the beginning of the end" as she said during a hospital stay. Thankfully she died quickly and painlessly in the end, looking out over the mountains she loved, in her favorite chair, with loved one nearby.

Mike Hackert - July 15, 2025 at 06:04 PM

MF

“ Saddened and shocked learn of Geraldine's passing! We met at our BBNC Tuesday Morning Book group, started talking and learned we'd had many common experiences in our background! We ran into each other once again by chance as I was leaving therapy! She recognized and remembered my name which I found impressive! I was looking forward to seeing, Geraldine and chatting again! She was just so friendly and kind, bright personality! Sorry, I didn't have a chance to get to know her better and I hope she didn't suffer!
Mel

Melvina Flahertyhurricanes1987! - June 02, 2025 at 09:46 AM

KW

“ SisterWoman,

You were always there from the day I was born and I will miss you all the rest of my days.

~~~ Karen



Karen Worrall - June 01, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geraldine A. Hackert.*



May 30, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geraldine A. Hackert.

May 30, 2025 at 01:46 PM

CR

“ *Geraldine was our cousin. She was beautiful and intelligent. We will miss her gentle presence in this life.*

*Charlene Rakyta, Joanne Bligh and Judy Parker*

**Charlene Rakyta** - May 25, 2025 at 03:50 PM

MS

“ *I had known Geraldine since 1978, when I moved to Blacksburg from NY. We met through mutual friends in B'burg and quickly became friends. After she earned her degree in Statistics at VA Tech and left for her career at Corning Glass in NY (and beyond), we stayed in touch and always managed to connect over the years. When last year she and Mike announced that they had bought a home in B'burg, I was pleasantly surprised and excited for them. She had come full circle! Although her time here again in B'burg was brief, I could tell she and Mike really felt at home here. I was thrilled to connect with them once again - we were now practically neighbors! I will surely miss Geraldine, and her always upbeat and cheerful personality. She was a true-blue friend all these years, no matter the physical distance between us! Mike and Karen, please accept my sincere sympathy, and to all of your families.*

*Michael A. Saluta  
Floyd, VA*

**Michael A. Saluta** - May 24, 2025 at 01:50 PM

BH

“ I can't hear a Beatles song, without thinking of Geraldine! We had most of their albums!

Lots of good memories from sixth grade on!❤️❤️❤️

Bonnie Musgrave Hill

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**Bonnie Musgrave Hill** - May 24, 2025 at 01:07 PM

MB

“ Mike, Please accept our deepest sympathy from Beth and I. So sorry for your loss. I hope that you will stay strong through this difficult time. May God Bless you and Geraldine. Mark Beranek

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**Mark Beranek** - May 23, 2025 at 06:14 PM

DG

“ Very sorry to hear about your loss Mike. Our prayers are with you and Geraldine. May she rest in peace with our good Lord. Stay strong. in these difficult times. Drew



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**Drew Glista** - May 23, 2025 at 05:25 PM