



## Charlene Adele Gerow

December 18, 1929 - February 17, 2022

Charlene Adele Gerow, 92 passed away peacefully on February 17, 2022, after a long illness. She was born December 18, 1929, in South Haven, Michigan and married Leonard Hall Gerow Jr. on June 10, 1951. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in June 2021 and enjoyed many, many happy years together.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Dorothy Johnson of Illinois and her brother Richard Johnson of Arkansas. She is survived by her husband Leonard (Bud) Gerow Jr., of Venice, Florida; three children, Linda Gerow of Kingsley, MI, Jeffrey Gerow (Ann) of Alpena, Michigan, and Nancy Gerow of Bloomingburg New York; her 6 grandchildren, Elizabeth Nesmith (Tyler), Matthew Gerow, Peter Gerow , Kelly Hoffman, Becky Zielen-Ersing (Eric) , and Peter Hoffman; and 5 great- grandchildren.

Charlene (Char) enjoyed being a stay-at-home mother. She believed strongly in at-home parenting and encouraged the formal education of her three children. She enjoyed sewing, gardening reading, crossword puzzles, and golfing (especially when she got a hole in one before her husband). She will be remembered for her bright smile, cheerful demeanor, and positive approach to life.

The family would like to thank the caring staff members of Manor Care (Venice) and Tidewell Hospice for their kindness and support. .

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to [www.tidewell.org](http://www.tidewell.org).