



Geraldine (Gerry) P. McKinney

October 26, 1940 - January 25, 2021

Geraldine (Gerry) P. McKinney, age 80 of Stone Mountain, GA, passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021 and was preceded in death by her husband, William M. McKinney. She is survived by her children, Margaret (Margie) McKinney Alexander and her husband Michael Alexander, Jeff McKinney and his wife Lee McKinney, and Mary E. (Beth) McCord and her husband Michael McCord; grandchildren, Travis Alexander, Shannon Alexander, Will McKinney, Clay McKinney, Caitlyn McCord, and Michelle McCord; siblings, Brenda Raines and Beverly Pierce; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gerry was known to her grandchildren and many others as Gigi. She was born in Atlanta, GA on October 26, 1940. She attended Murphy High School in Atlanta, before marrying and raising a family. She worked at DeKalb Community College, Mathis Dairy and ultimately retired from IBM. She was a long time member of Mount Carmel Christian Church, where she was heavily involved in the music ministry and the women's ministry. Most recently, she was a member of Smoke Rise Baptist Church. Gigi loved to sew, draw, paint, read, and travel with friends. Gigi fiercely loved her family and was an amazing mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. She was a strong Christian woman who loved the Lord and had a servant's heart.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to World Vision at [Worldvision.org](https://www.worldvision.org). Worldvision is a humanitarian aid program. Instead of presents at Christmas, Gigi would often sponsor a child, buy a bicycle, a goat, or a sewing machine through World Vision so children in impoverished areas could thrive, stay safe, and not go hungry.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Fairview Memorial Gardens, Stockbridge, GA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to World Vision, <https://www.worldvision.org/donate>. If you would like, World Vision will send a card to let the family know of your donation. These may be sent to Beth McCord at 1575 Mount Carmel Church Lane, Canton, GA 30114.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages

Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Events

FEB **Graveside Service** 11:00AM
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Fairview Memorial Gardens
164 Fairview Road, Stockbridge, GA, US, 30281

Comments



“ Margie, Jeff, Beth, & Brenda. We are so very saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. Our deepest and most sincere sympathies to each of you and your entire families. Just the thought of her brings back such pleasant memories of each of you...and such warm memories of her & your dad. Her talents were many; her heart was that of a true servant; her energy was boundless; her laugh was contagious; her contributions to the choir during her years at Mt Carmel were truly amazing! We have loving memories of her and each of you growing up in Mt Carmel church! Gerry will be truly missed. Always know all of you have a special place in our hearts, as did your Mother! Love you all, Daphene & Richard Ward



Daphene Ward - February 19 at 08:18 AM



“ To the family & many friends to Geraldine “Gerry” McKinney...

🦋 Life moves too fast. We can't slow the passage of the days. But we can choose... who we spend our time with. The gift of time, mercy, grace, peace & comfort is so very precious! Please... don't ever take it for granted. Back in the 90's... Mount Carmel Christian Church was my second home & my second family. I loved my Youth Group family, my choir family & everyone that was a member of the congregation. When Christmastime came around... it was time to begin working on “The Living Christmas Tree” production & music. Enjoying the awesome & beautiful fellowship with my friends, helping with the tree construction, getting the church ready for Christmastime & music rehearsals... are the most beautiful memories that I will hold close to my heart & in my thoughts, until my journey here on earth is finished. Also... listening to Gerry's narration during the program was wonderful too! She was definitely... much loved by everyone & she will be greatly missed by everyone, whose life was impacted by her beautiful friendship including myself. And so... as we're remembering & reflecting upon her beautiful legacy, please know that each of you are close to my heart, in my thoughts & in my prayers right now & everyday. “Isaiah 40:31” 🦋



A.J. Sawyer - February 07 at 12:55 AM



“ My memories of Gerry go back to the time I spent with her in Sunday School and choir at Mount Carmel Christian Church, as well as sharing an art class as we both had a passion for art, I can still hear Gerry's beautiful voice as she narrated the Christmas program at Mount Carmel. It is a special memory. My sincerest sympathy to her family and friends.

Jean Baldwin

Jean Baldwin - February 06 at 05:30 PM



“ A.J. Sawyer is following this tribute.

A.J. Sawyer - February 05 at 03:28 AM



“ Great memories of Gerry have turned into treasures the Mathis dairy family love her. Gerry was my secretary and played a part in introducing our Certified milk products. Talk about stories I can see her now saying Jack you want us to do what. Love you Gerry you will be missed.

jack Mathis - February 02 at 11:22 AM



“ Brenda, Beverly, Margie, Jeff and Beth and your families,
As is everyone who knew Gerry, I am heartbroken. From Kindergarten through high school we were like sisters. I was fortunate to be with her when she married William. Also, fortunate to be with her when Margie announced she was ready to enter the world!
I am so thankful for all the good times we shared and memories I will always have to keep close in my heart.
With love,
Linda Sward

Linda Sward - January 31 at 01:04 PM



“ I was Gerry's Deacon at Smoke Rise. I enjoyed having her as my guest at one of the Sunday dinners where we recognized new members. Gerry and I were both in the Smoke Rise Choir until the pandemic altered our plans. Gerry was in the alto section and I was in the soprano. Gerry was friends with the great grandmother of my two little nieces. Emily is the mother of Greg, the grandfather of these children. I would show Gerry pictures of these children from my phone. Gerry and Emily belonged to a church that disbanded.

I read in my Deacon News about Gerry being in the hospital. I sent her a card addressed to her home since I thought she would be out of the hospital soon. I decided to send Gerry a text that she could receive while in the hospital. When I did not hear from her that she was better, I sent another. This time I had a strange feeling that maybe she would never read this message of cheer and hope. I went on my computer and saw the announcement of her demise. I was profoundly saddened. I enjoyed Gerry's pleasing company and positive attitude. I remember checking in on her after she had her pacemaker. She said she felt so much better and she cheered me up instead of my cheering her up!

Gerry will be missed at Smoke Rise and in her family and community. Due to the COVID I could not visit with her in person this last year. She was good company. I grieve her loss but know she is now with her Lord, with no more pain and suffering.

Christine Peredney - January 29 at 02:44 PM



“ Some people come into your life and when they do they leave a lasting impression. Gerry was one of those people. Met her at Mount Carmel Christian Church. She was a very sweet lady who always had a smile on her face. Missed her when our church changed to MC3. I remember her fondly. Prayers for her family

Patsy Bass - February 01 at 10:31 AM



“ Our sympathy and prayers go to Gerry's family members. Although she was at Smoke Rise Baptist a short time, she became a delightful member of the class and it seemed she has been part of us for a very long time. She was loved and will be missed by the other class members. May God give the family peace, comfort and strength.

Rebecca & Bill Roper

Rebecca S Roper - January 29 at 02:30 PM



“ Gerry and I spent many hours together at Mt. Carmel Christian Church. Jeff and my son Billy were best of friends. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Carolyn Flowers

Carolyn Flowers - January 29 at 09:43 AM



“ To Gerry’s Family,
I went to Grammar School and High School with Gerry. Lots of good memories. May
God bless you during your sadness.
Elizabeth Williams Banks ‘58 MHS

Elizabeth Williams Banks - January 28 at 11:32 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



milly - January 28 at 11:00 PM



“ Milly lit a candle in memory of Geraldine (Gerry) P. McKinney



milly - January 28 at 10:40 PM