



Geraldine "Gerry" Stone

July 14, 1928 - January 27, 2025

(Lena) Geraldine "Gerry" Jones Stone of Clayton County, Georgia passed away peacefully on January 27, 2025, following a brief illness. She was surrounded by her loving children as she left earth and was joyously welcomed into Heaven by her adoring husband Buzz Stone and many other departed family members and friends. So great was her dislike of attention and recognition that we're certain she would strongly admonish us if she were reading this tribute, but we are willing to take that chance.

Geraldine was born July 14, 1928 in Atlanta, Georgia to Weyman Watson Jones and Junia Travis Jones. She grew up in Forest Park, Georgia with her loving brother Travis Jones and graduated from Forest Park High School before attending West Georgia College, where she studied business and played field hockey. Following a blind date that far exceeded her expectations, Geraldine married Buzz, the love of her life, in February 1950, later welcoming their three children, Sybil, Sheryl and Mark. She devoted her life to caring for and loving her family, including her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who could never pass up a hug, a story or an "I love you" from their beloved Nana.

Geraldine's unwavering faith and selfless, gentle spirit were the hallmarks of her life. She was a lifelong member of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was active in the United Methodist Women and the Ethel Floyd Sunday School class for decades. Throughout her life, she served those around her in their time of need, including delivering meals and cards of

encouragement to the sick or grieving and overseeing knitting programs to help the homeless well into her 90s. For more than 25 years, she also worked in the Clayton County tag office, where she came to know virtually every Clayton County resident by name and tag number. There was no place Geraldine would go – in or out of the state of Georgia – that she didn't run into at least one person with whom she had built a relationship through work or church.

Geraldine's life epitomized the joy that comes from cherishing each of life's precious moments and seasons. She and Buzz proudly visited all fifty states together, and she enjoyed chronicling their adventures and mishaps, including the run-in with a bull that chased Buzz out of a South Dakota field. She adored the Atlanta Braves but never truly forgave them for the Freddie Freeman trade. Much to the chagrin of her oldest grandchildren and the delight of the younger ones, she also loved the Georgia Bulldogs. She relished the time she spent cooking and baking with her family, particularly at the holidays. She also enjoyed reading mystery novels, working on puzzles and talking with neighbors during evening strolls through her retirement community.

Geraldine is survived by her three children, Sybil (Terry) Weitzel of Tyrone, Georgia, Sheryl (Jimmy) Rexrode of Peachtree City, Georgia, and Mark (Melanie) Stone of Marietta, Georgia; five grandchildren, Stephanie (Xavier) Bignon, Stephen (Courtney) Weitzel, Jessica (Robbie) Dixon, Tim (Maggie) Stone, and Jenny (Riggs) Taylor; six great-grandchildren, Ben, Evie and Ella Weitzel, Madeleine Bignon, Anna Grace Dixon and Chloe James Taylor, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whose lives were immeasurably enriched for having been loved by Geraldine.

A celebration of Geraldine's life will be held at Dogwood Church at 975 Highway 74 North, Tyrone, Georgia on February 9, 2025, at 3:00 PM, where family and friends will come together to honor the woman who brought so much kindness and joy to their lives. The family will receive visitors at Dogwood Church beginning at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests

that Geraldine's legacy be carried on through simple acts of kindness toward others and a donation to the Children's Village at Christian City or Southwest Christian Care.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

5755 Mallory Road
College Park, GA 30349

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Dogwood Church
975 Hwy 74, North
Tyrone, GA 30290

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Dogwood Church
975 Hwy 74, North
Tyrone, GA 30290

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" Stone.*



February 07, 2025 at 05:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" Stone.*



February 06, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *Love Dale, Dave, Nancy, Chuck and Kathy purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" Stone.*



Love Dale, Dave, Nancy, Chuck and Kathy - February 05, 2025 at 08:22 PM



“ *Jayne Bennett lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Gerry" Stone*



Jayne Bennett - February 04, 2025 at 11:09 PM

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“ Gary and Laura Fisher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" Stone.



Gary and Laura Fisher - February 04, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" Stone.



February 04, 2025 at 04:28 PM

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“ Gerry was such a blessing in my life! I was able to work with Gerry weekly when she volunteered stuffing our Thank You Letters for years. I was the recipient of many Chocolate Chip cookies!! What a wonderful lady!!! My comfort is in knowing that Gerry is enjoying Jesus now and seeing Buzz daily. Thank-you Jesus for sharing Gerry Stone with us as long as you did!!!

Lauri Newsome - February 03, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JG

“ Whenever Geraldine could not reach Lantie and Lawrence she would call me. We finally figured out she was calling a line they didn't always have the ringer on.
Sadly she and Mom passed away within two weeks of each other. They are the last two of the West Georgia group that had so much fun over the years.
Jeff Gibbs

jeff gibbs - January 31, 2025 at 05:14 PM

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“ Gerry is truly a bright light with all those she meets. It was my great privilege to get to know her when she lived at Christian City and was a very regular volunteer, helping stuff and seal thank-you letters to our donors on a regular basis. But she never just came in to give her time, she also insisted on bringing treats, especially the chocolate chip cookies we all enjoyed so much. She always remembered what was going on in the lives of the staff members here, and expressed concern and interest, even when her own health was declining. And I remember learning about her visits to the jail to minister to the inmates. I can't imagine how many lives she has touched during her years on this earth. How wonderful that she now receives her heavenly reward.
Last summer we celebrated her 97th birthday with a cookie decorated in a Braves theme. She was not happy that we were making a big deal - but it didn't stop us.
I will miss her dearly, as will so many of my colleagues at Christian City. She was a gem.

LaVann Landrum - January 31, 2025 at 12:16 PM