



Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson

October 18, 1917 - November 6, 2012

Geraldine Carter Stenson, 95, of Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully at 9:50 pm on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at her daughter, Yvonne (Rudolph) Booth's home. She was surrounded by many family members and friends that showed her love.

Geraldine was born October 18, 1917, in Ripley Tennessee to proud parents, Clyde and Fannie (Carter) Corley. Geraldine married Eugene Stenson and moved to Peoria, Illinois in 1938. To their blessed union, seven children were born. In 1989, Geraldine and Eugene had shared 51 years of marriage at the time he preceded her in death.

Geraldine leaves to cherish her love and sweet memories, six children: three sons, Eugene (Naomi) Stenson, II of Santa Clarita, California; John (Arie) Stenson and Caesar Stenson both of Peoria Illinois; three daughters, Mary Frances Turner, Yvonne (Rudolph) Booth and Roberta Marshall all of Peoria, Illinois; Godchildren, Joyce and J.D Hardin, 26 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and 17 great-great grandchildren; 2 sisters-in-laws; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one son Clyde "Sonny" Stenson, 2 great grandchildren, and 1 great great-grandchild and "Godson" Reverend Stan Svetich.

Gerry, as she was affectionately called by friends, was known for her hard

work and cooking. She was employed at St. Francis Hospital and The Pere Marquette Hotel as a cook for many years. She also worked at the Peoria County Courthouse as a Bailiff. She retired from the Peoria County Sheriff's Department Work Release Center. Geraldine served as an election judge for many years.

Geraldine along with her husband Eugene owned and operated: The Paradise club, Gene and Gerry's Supper Club, Cafe Istanbul and Stenson Community Hall.

Geraldine was a person who did not complain and loved the Lord. She was a woman of wisdom, strength and was known to her family and friends as a praying woman. She organized a group of concerned citizens that became known as the "Handy Helpers Club". They feed the hungry, provided baskets of food for the needy, distributed Christmas Baskets and Toys for needy families. They gave Christmas Trees to families in many cases that could not afford one and many times provided financial assistance to families in need.

Geraldine loved family gatherings and cook outs. Her favorite pass time was doing crossword puzzles, collecting elephant figurines, and watching the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. She was a member of Silver Star Chapter #74 O.E.S., Kamar Court #113 Daughter of Isis and Court of Calanathanas.

Geraldine accepted Christ at an early age. She was the longest standing member of Zion Baptist Church for 74 years, serving on the Nurses Guild until her health failed.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at St. Paul Baptist Church with a visitation one hour prior beginning at 10 am. Pastor Deveraux Hubbard and Rev. Samuel Duren, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church will officiate. Geraldine will be entombed at Springdale Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to Carver Community Center Fund at P.O. Box 275, Peoria, IL 61650.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the simonsmortuary.com website.

Cemetery Details

Springdale Cemetery & Mausoleum

3014 N Prospect Rd
Peoria, IL 61603-2102
<http://www.springdalecemetery.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Peoria
114 W. Forrest Hill Avenue
Peoria, IL 61604

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson*



Simons Mortuary - November 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Karla Randle-Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson*



Karla Randle-Jackson - January 06, 2013 at 06:17 PM

OJ

“ *Sorry i'm so late sending my condolences, As we live out of state and were late finding out of the passing of your dear Mother but know it is with great sorrow. From the entire Osgood family , Oneida, True and Cynthia*

oneida osgood johnson - December 16, 2012 at 08:59 PM

TF

“ *your friends the mutchler family from arlington street you guys are in our thoughts R.I.P*



the mutchler family - November 10, 2012 at 02:45 PM

DH

“ *To Mary Francis and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. My heart is heavy, I am sorry I will not be there with you today, but know that I feel you and my thoughts are certainly with you on this day.
Love you always,
Diane Dotson-Herron*

diane herron - November 10, 2012 at 10:49 AM

DH

“ *Diane Herron lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson*



diane herron - November 10, 2012 at 10:46 AM



“ *Time has come and gone once more,
And with it a love, a life, we adore.*

*A life full in God’s Spirit as the wind,
Ninety-five short years that have no end.*

*Sent to this world from heaven above,
With her Angelic smile, bursting with love.*

*A charge she had – a God to glorify...
And that she did, we cannot deny.*

*Teaching, reaching, guiding in her home,
Respected and loved, in her community she’s known.*

*Today we all rise up and call her blessed –
We lay a wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, to rest.*

*Giving thanks to our heavenly Father, for the gift of His only
begotten Son,
And a rose, a pearl, a rare diamond, we give thanks for our love,
Geraldine Stenson.*

*Apostle Steve Humes III and Family
Living Word Worship Center – 5112 W Smithville Rd, Bartonville, IL*

MS

“ *May you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you, and the beautiful memories of your mother. May God bless you all.*



Mildred Sanders-Baldon - November 09, 2012 at 09:02 PM

TF

“ *We extend our heartfelt condolences to the entire Stenson Family on the loss of Mother Gerald. She was such a delightful person with such a sweet spirit! We often thought about her and spoke fondly of her. We truly enjoyed our short excursions to Peoria and looked forward to visiting her. We feel blessed to have known Mother Gerald. You all were blessed to have had such a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was such a sweetheart and Christian inspiration to us all. May you always carry your precious memories of her in your hearts until you meet again. May the Lord bless and keep each of you!!! This tribute is respectfully submitted by Patrick and Tanya Marshall and family.*

Tanya Fook-Marshall - November 09, 2012 at 07:12 PM

PJ

“ *We want to express our condolences for the loss of your beloved Mother. We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless.*

Preston and Melba Jackson

Preston and Melba Jackson - November 09, 2012 at 09:23 AM

OM

“ *Our Prayers & thoughts are with you & Family.*

Percy & Onnie Macon



Onnie Macon - November 09, 2012 at 08:56 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson*



November 08, 2012 at 08:00 PM

NS

“ I have been blessed to have 4 mothers in my life and Momma Gerald is one of them. The day I met her I knew God sent her in my life for a reason. I met her son and married him and became a part of Momma Gerald's family. She did not look at me or any of her in laws as being a in law. She added us to her family as her children with plenty of love..... Along with my family and friends. She is known as Momma Gerald in my circle of friends and family and known as L O V E !!!!!

I am really going to miss you Momma Gerald. We know you are in a wonderful place. You have graduated from this School of Life and is headed to the next level.

To my family... thank you, thank you, thank you for taking care of Momma Gerald the way God wants us to do for our love ones and for each other. My prayers are with you all and my spiritual arms are around all of you.

God Bless,

Naomi, Felica and Darin

Naomi Stenson - November 08, 2012 at 07:46 PM

SA

“ To my sister Marla and the entire Stenson Clan: I am so sorry for your loss. I know what she means to you and the entire Stenson Clan. The love that you all have shared with her and for her will live forever in each and everyone of you. You all have my prayers and love always.



Sally Gray
South Euclid, Ohio

Sally - November 08, 2012 at 01:09 PM

SA

“ *State Farm, NE STL Agency purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Carter Stenson.*



State Farm, NE STL Agency - November 08, 2012 at 07:47 AM

KD

“ *To our family, the Stenson family, we will always remember Sis. Stenson for all of her kindness and wisdom.. We will miss her. A special thanks of appreciation to the family for allowing me to hold your precious angel as she made her transition to be with the lord. I will always hold that experience in my heart. We love all of you. prayerfully, Rev Arthur & Kathryn Dyes*

Kathryn L. Dyes - November 07, 2012 at 08:00 PM

AS

“ *Sorry John and Roberta for your great loss....I found out that nothing compares to MOM...nothing...I met your mother a few times...but there's one thing I know..she sure has some great kids...I know that for a fact.....She handed down those vital old school virtues to you guys..nothing is more of a tribute to a mother than her children's character...you guys got it John ..you guys got it.... Love ya' brother.....*

Alfanzo Petty, Sr. - November 07, 2012 at 04:13 PM

DG

We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs Stenson was a fine and beautiful woman. She will truly be missed. You are in our prayers.

Deborah Griffin and family (Eugene's in-laws in Detroit)

Deborah L. Griffin - November 07, 2012 at 08:07 PM