



Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore

May 20, 1945 - July 4, 2020

Ms. Jerry Laster-Gore, 75 of Peoria, IL transitioned to her heavenly home at 2:20 am., on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at UnityPoint Health Methodist Hospital surrounded by her family.

Jerry was born on May 20, 1945 in Hollandale, Mississippi to the union of Rev. Isaac and Cora (Edwards) Laster, who have both preceded her in death.

Jerry attended Manual High School. She believed in higher education and continued to educate herself through ICC. She was a faithful contributor to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. throughout the years at Bradley University, which aided in providing scholarships for many.

Jerry accepted Christ as her Lord and savior early in life. She was a faithful and long-term member of over 45 years at St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Amos Abbott and Deveraux Hubbard.

Jerry was employed through the state of Illinois as a home care assistant for over 30 years. She was a home care assistant and supervisor at Lutheran Social Services for 11 years, as well as a home care assistant at Addus Homecare for five 5 years. She retired in 2012 with health issues. Jerry invented her own body scrub "Jerry's Luxury Bath Oil" and had it patented. Jerry was "Home" to all who received her. She loved her family and others very much. She drew people in with her cooking, especially her famous banana pudding that was made with lots of love. Jerry loved to fish and bargain shop. She was a beautician for her three brothers and anyone in the

neighborhood who wanted a press and curl. Jerry opened her home to young people who needed shelter until their parents allowed them to return home. She was a true blessing and genuinely one of a kind.

Jerry leaves to cherish her most precious memories five daughters, Retha Laster of Peoria, IL, Angela Laster of Peoria, IL, Monica (Kenneth) Porter of Walls, MS, Tamika Laster of Springfield, IL, April Laster of Peoria, IL; two brothers, Robert Temple and Robert Earl Temple both of Peoria IL; five sisters, Dorothy Smith, Ethel Temple, Martha McCall, Linda (Eric) Richards and Mildred (Lee Street) Smith all of Peoria, IL; one step-sister, Essie Rene Gamble of Chicago, IL; 17 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren; her special friend, James "JT" of Peoria, IL and her special cousin Charles Edwards of Corona, CA; her dear friend, Gertrude Hines of Peoria, IL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sharon Laster; one brother, Johnal Smith; two sisters, Denise (Smith) Hogan and Ella Smith; two nephews, Mark Temple and Johnal L. Smith; one great niece, Italy Smith and one great nephew, Brandon Smith. A private funeral service will be held at 10 am, Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Sovereign Grace M.B. Church with a visitation one-hour prior at 9 am. Pastor Alvin Riley, Sr. will bring words of comfort. Jerry will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly at time of the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19,

we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! *It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The church can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church
1505 W. Martin Street
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sovereign Grace M.B. Church
1505 W. Martin Street
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*



Simons Mortuary - July 13, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



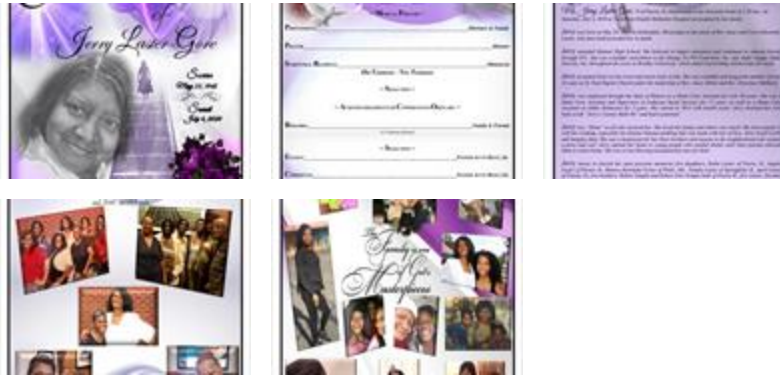
“ *1 file added to the album Burial at Lutheran Cemetery*



Simons Mortuary - July 13, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ 8 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - July 13, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ Nancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore



Nancy Pittman - July 13, 2020 at 12:14 AM



“ Sending love and prayers to our cousins. You have our deepest sympathy.

Henley Family - July 11, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ Emma Henley And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore



Emma Henley and Family - July 11, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ms. Jerry Laster-Gore DVD



Simons Mortuary - July 10, 2020 at 01:49 PM

AB

What a beautiful family. Thank you for sharing.

Anna R Brown - July 10, 2020 at 05:10 PM

IL

Love you grandma

Isaac Laster - July 10, 2020 at 06:55 PM

JS

Beautiful tribute to Sister Jerry Beautiful family pictures!! Love and Blessings to all her family and friends 💜💜💜💜💜💜💜💜💜💜

Janice Smith - July 10, 2020 at 06:57 PM

TL



Tamika Laster - July 07, 2024 at 01:02 AM

RB

“ *My Condolences! Praying for y'all asking God for strength in the midst! Ms. Laster was such a humble person and I know her wings fit perfect . Much Love to Retha, Angela, Monica, Tamika and April*❤️



Rosena Jackson- Branch - July 09, 2020 at 08:14 AM

JB

“ *Joanie Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*



Joanie Brown - July 09, 2020 at 02:24 AM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*



Mattie Risby - July 08, 2020 at 10:25 PM

GC

“ *My condolences to the family of Jerry Laster-Gore. I remember her soft spoken nature from being my neighbor in the 1st/2nd St area. Gloria White Carter*

Gloria Carter - July 08, 2020 at 08:25 AM

CW

“ *Catherine Watson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*



Catherine Watson - July 08, 2020 at 05:17 AM

AB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Anna Brown

Anna R Brown - July 08, 2020 at 02:41 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore.*



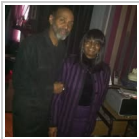
July 08, 2020 at 02:32 AM

ED

“ *Erica Durflinger lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*



Erica Durflinger - July 08, 2020 at 12:52 AM



“ *Latrika Cagle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jerry Dean Laster-Gore*



Latrika Cagle - July 06, 2020 at 07:56 PM