



Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield

November 22, 1935 - December 7, 2020

The passing of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield, age 85, is being announced by her loving husband John.

Gerelene was born in Wilson, North Carolina on November 22, 1935. She is the daughter of the late Jesse T. McPhail and Minnie Barnes McPhail.

She retired as a school teacher from the Wake County School System.

Gerelene has left behind to cherish her life her husband, John; daughter, Alisa Mayfield Smallwood; sisters, Esther Smith, Minora Hicks and Anne McCoy; brother, Braxton McPhail; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Viewing for Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2020, at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, N.C. 27701, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

A graveside service of celebration has been scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020, at 12:00 noon at Carolina Biblical Gardens of Guilford, 5710 Riverdale Drive, Jamestown, North Carolina 27282.

Cemetery Details

Carolina Biblical Gardens of Guilford

5710 Riverdale Drive
Jamestown, NC 27282
(336) 803-7574

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 13. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

Graveside

DEC 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

Carolina Biblical Gardens of Guilford
5710 Riverdale Drive
Jamestown, NC 27282
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *To the Family of Gerelene McPhail Mayfield,*

You have our deepest sympathy. May you find strength in the memories you cherish, and peace.

Sorry for your loss.

Marian & James Farmer

Marian S Farmer - December 14, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ *Gerelene and I sang together for many years in the Durham Chorale. We shared so much together through health and sickness. I will miss her beautiful voice, her always smiling face and her love of music and the chorale. We laughed together so many times while we were trying so hard to memorize our music - but we did it and were so happy when it was time for our concerts. I am so sorry to everyone in the family and send sincere condolences to each of you. Sheila Evans*

Sheila Evans - December 14, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Barry Landis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield*

Barry Landis - December 13, 2020 at 11:14 PM



AM

“ *"Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."* Proverbs 31:30

My sister's faith, love, friendship, generosity, and humor were our inspiration. Gerelene was always there for us. Thanking God for a memorable life.

Anne McCoy, Sister

Rev. Donald McCoy, Brother-in-Law

annie mccoy - December 13, 2020 at 11:14 PM

DM

“ *Donald And Anne McCoy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield*



Donald and Anne McCoy - December 13, 2020 at 10:40 PM

MM

“ *Mary Mullins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield*



Mary Mullins - December 13, 2020 at 08:23 PM

ES

“ *Esther Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield*



Esther Smith - December 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM

ES

“ *So blessed and grateful for you being in our life. Sister and brother-in-law with love always,*

Esther and George

Esther Smith - December 13, 2020 at 09:42 AM

TB

“ *Tama Bouncer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield*



Tama Bouncer - December 12, 2020 at 10:56 PM

RJ

“ *Ruby Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield*



Ruby Jenkins - December 12, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield.*



December 12, 2020 at 01:56 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield.*



December 11, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield.*



December 11, 2020 at 05:45 PM

TG

“ Today I light a candle in remembrance of Mrs. Gerelene Mayfield.

Expressing sincerest condolences to Dr. Mayfield and his family during these sad times. I must admit that my family and I are very saddened by our recent loss of Mrs.

Mayfield. However, I am eternally grateful and blessed to have been welcomed into the Mayfield family as one of her son's in sciences. Several months ago, we dinned and talked about my future with huge support and optimism during our last meeting. I would be remiss if I did not mention how critical she was in shaping my career and personal life. I consider Dr. and Mrs. Mayfield my parents in sciences. Mrs. Mayfield will be missed, but her legacy will live on because of her kind, caring, stern, honest, and nurturing ways of being.



Thank you to Dr. Mayfield and his family for sharing Mrs. Mayfield with us. She will never be forgotten.

With love and gratitude,

Dr. Terrence G. Gardner

Terrence G Gardner - December 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM

WM

“ Willie L Melton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield.



Willie L Melton - December 11, 2020 at 01:44 PM

CM

“ Dearest Uncle John and Cousin Alisa:

My love and condolences to the family...Aunt Gerelene was a beautiful person in spirit and was always supportive and thoughtful! There was never a time that she did not forget to mail cards with thoughtful messages for Christmas and Easter!



Aunt Gerelene will be greatly missed!! I loved her!!

Rest in peace Aunt Gerelene....

Love Always,

Camille McKoy(niece)

Camille McKoy - December 11, 2020 at 12:20 PM

BE

“ *The Livingstone College class of 58 praises God for putting her in our paths, She lifted our spirits by her music, laughter, words of encouragement, and staying in touch.*

We will miss her so much but praising God for a higher calling He has prepared for us.

Stanley and Bertha Edwards.

Bertha K. Edwards - December 10, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield.*



December 10, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DM

“ *Blessings and Peace.
The Health Team Ministry
Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ
Donald L McCoy, Pastor*

Deborah McNeil - December 10, 2020 at 05:15 PM

DM

“ We are praying for continued peace and comfort. Love Bro. Allen & Sis Deborah H McNeil.

Deborah McNeil - December 10, 2020 at 05:11 PM

JS

“ Trusting that our Sovereign God will comfort and keep you all during this season and in the days to come. Our prayers are with you all now and will continue. Be encouraged and give thanks to Him for a life well-lived and filled with His Amazing Grace.

Sister Juane Smith, Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ

Juane Smith - December 09, 2020 at 06:37 PM

LW

“ I did not have the luxury of taking piano lessons when I was young. I had my first piano lesson at the age 23. I took lessons for four years but continued to play throughout my life. When I started attending Resurrection, Gerelene, John and Esther took me under their wing. Gerelene helped me with my music and I was able to play the piano during meditative moments and communion. She would always tell me, I will help you with your music because you practice. We had a standing joke on Sunday mornings. I would ask Gerelene, "Gerelene, did you practice the piano when you got up this morning". She would reply, "No, but I know you did." She inspired me to continue playing the piano. Gerelene, Esther and I have had many enjoyable luncheons and lots of laughter and fun. I am so sad she has left us and her family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Louise Wilson

Louse Wilson - December 09, 2020 at 05:33 PM

RI

“ Gerry was one of the nicest, caring, and most professional persons I have ever known. As a classmate at Livingstone and later, I always enjoyed being around her and her equally great husband, John. She will be sorely missed. ...
Robert Gest III



Robert Gest III - December 09, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gerelene McPhail Mayfield.*



December 09, 2020 at 12:02 PM

LB

“ *Gere. Always warm, gracious, and welcoming with a wide smile, distinctive laugh, and good conversation. I loved being in her company and hearing about times in Wilson, at Livingstone, with family. She glowed with love, warmth, and energy. I am grateful for how she enriched John's (and my) Thomasville family lives. Gere came into my life when I was about 9. She is and will continue to be one of my best role models. I am better for having known her and seeing how she functioned as a strong, supportive daughter-in-law (to my Aunt Novis), wife to my "Brother" John, mother, sister, daughter, teacher and friend. She was a blessing to us all and I will miss her greatly.*

Lula Beatty

Lula Beatty - December 09, 2020 at 11:43 AM

MH

“ *Forever in our hearts.*

Minora Hicks, Sister

Minora Hicks - December 09, 2020 at 10:08 AM

KW

“ *We will miss her smiling face in the Durham Chorale. She was a kind and gracious soul. Our prayers are with you all.*

Karen Wells on behalf of the Chorale

Karen C Wells - December 08, 2020 at 01:38 PM