



Gerline "Gerri" Pitts

March 23, 2024

Gerline (Gerri) Walker Pitts, of Wills Point, passed away peacefully into the presence of her Savior on March 23, 2024. Gerri was born July 28, 1951, in Morrilton, Ark. to James and Sadie (Bell) Walker, both of whom also welcomed her into Heaven along with her son Dewayne W. Pitts, and family, Arthur J. Walker; Herman D. Walker; Alice B. Reed; Alpha V. Riley; Henry Leon Walker.

Gerri graduated from East Side High School in Menifee, Arkansas; after which, she attended State College of Arkansas in Conway, Ark. While at SCA, she met Sam Pitts. For Sam, it was and still is, love at first sight. For Gerri, it was shall we say, lukewarm interest. However, as many great love stories go, time passed and they soon realized they had much more in common than initially thought. Sam and Gerri were married on June 3, 1973 in Springfield, Ark.

Gerri was a devoted wife and mother. Her priority was, and always would be, her family. As Sam realized that the Lord was calling him to the ministry, Gerri showed that she was not only dedicated to her family, but also to helping Sam enlarge the Kingdom for God. Gerri's personality could be described as quiet and reflective. However, her commitment to teaching others about the Gospel emboldened her to stretch past her quiet personality to be a beacon for Christ.

Off and on through the almost 51 years of marriage, Gerri was a beloved school teacher who positively impacted numerous students' lives with her commitment to their education and development. Using biblical principles built on faith and love, Gerri provided her family, church family and students a foundation to assist them throughout their own lives.

When not working or serving at church, Gerri enjoyed gardening, fishing, reading and always loved planning trips with family to see new sights and destinations.

A true Proverbs 31 woman who embodied the Christ-like light to all who met her, Gerri will be forever missed and never forgotten.

She leaves her legacy of love to be carried on by her husband, Sam W. Pitts, Jr.; son, S. Wesley Pitts, III, and wife, Penelope; daughter, Katrena G. Pitts; siblings: Joyce Crockett, Amos Walker, Ben Walker and wife, Ruby, Pauline Walker, Gladys Washington and husband Earl, and Mike Walker and wife, Jeri, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews, other extended family, her church family and many students, each of whom will miss Gerri greatly.

A gathering of Gerri's family and friends with visitation will be 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel where all are welcome to share the many stories of her life and her legacy.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



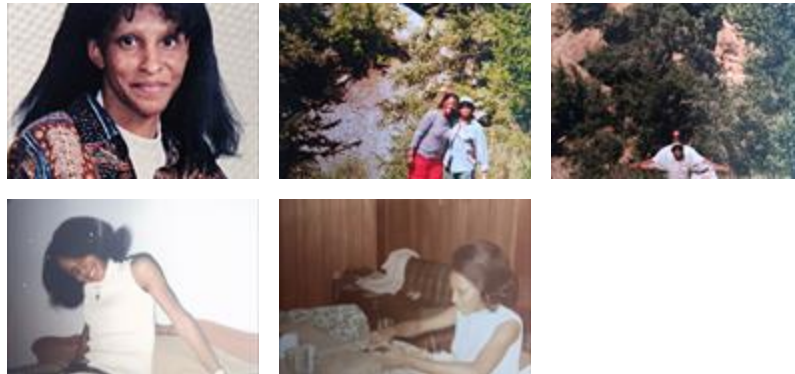
“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerline "Gerri" Pitts*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 01, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Memories Album*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - March 29, 2024 at 04:28 PM

KA

“ Mom, attempting to express all that you mean to me would be impossible. You were my mom, mentor, teacher, friend, cookie baking partner (yum!) and willing passenger for any and all road trips (hello Blue Bell ice cream museum).



Despite our shared love of sweets, you were understandably concerned that I would starve, since i showed no interest in cooking an actual meal. You tried to tell me that frozen pizza was not a quality long term meal plan. Somewhere in my early 30s, you breathed a sigh of relief because I finally figured it out. It was touch and go for a while, but you never gave up hope that me and my kitchen would bond. :)

As a professional, your desire to instill in your students the love of learning and excellence made you an extraordinary teacher. I believe that passion left a forever mark in the lives of the countless students you taught. I still remember the cheerful song you played for your class at the start of every day. "Good morning. Good morning. Good morning to you. Our day is beginning, there is so much to do." How true those lyrics still are after all these years.

As a mom, you had no rival. You encouraged, supported, and challenged me to be the best girl, young lady, and woman that I could be. You championed my endeavors and held me when I fell short. You loved me well and with your whole heart. Thank you for living a true life of faith in God with grace and resolve. I will carry your lessons with me for the rest of my life. It was a profound honor to call you my mom. I love you.

Katrena "Trenka Jean"

Katrena - March 28, 2024 at 12:09 AM

CB

“ *Charleta Bishop lit a candle in memory of Gerline "Gerri" Pitts*



Charleta Bishop - March 27, 2024 at 06:55 PM

CB

Gerri Pitts was truly a Proverbs 31 lady. Such a sweet lady we went to Church with Gerri and Sam at Evangel Temple in the late 80's. In fact Gerri and Sam helped us pray for a miracle situation during that time. We are thinking and praying for you Sam and family during this difficult time. Love Biuddy and Charleta Bishop

Charleta Bishop - March 27, 2024 at 07:06 PM

TS

“ *Miss Gerri, it has always amazed me how God can put so much strength, personality & love into such a tiny woman. You are the definition of "A True Woman of God". Fly high sweet angel. I love you!*



Tricia Selman - March 26, 2024 at 05:57 PM

VC

“ Couldn't nobody and I mean nobody wear an Afro like my auntie. And when she put that flower on the side of it, you better look out. Aunt Gerri I remember hearing you laugh when uncle/daddy came to visit Grammy and he saw the twins he had to call you so you can hear how they were eating all the noises they were making, and he had to let you see them with their windshield wiper feet going because they was enjoying their greens. I'll never forget the laugh you had that day. I'll never forget your display of love. I'll never forget your genuineness. I'll never forget how you made the life of my uncle so much easier. Miss you loads already. But I celebrate the Enormous life of an awesome petite selfless woman. Love you beyond this world through the next until I see you again. The tears I cry are of Joy not sorrow. I'm in Peace with you being at Peace. Pooh (Valerie your niece) ❤️💋

Valerie Coston - March 26, 2024 at 03:26 PM

BD

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Beverly Dudley - March 27, 2024 at 05:55 PM

CD

“ Cynthia D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerline "Gerri" Pitts.

Cynthia D. - March 26, 2024 at 01:39 PM

MO

“ Momma G taught me how to be the woman of God I was created to be and we liked to talk about how we liked burning things and watching the fire dance around. Momma G you walking on the streets of gold now. We love you...Monica and Ashley

Monica - March 26, 2024 at 01:15 PM