



Geraldine Stepney

September 26, 1941 - January 27, 2024

On Saturday, January 27, 2024 Geraldine Stepney became a new citizen in heaven.

Geraldine was born on September 26, 1941, to the late Argusta Carr and Mobile Chandler in Osceola, Arkansas. She was educated in the Osceola, Arkansas school system until she moved to Joliet, IL with her mother and siblings in 1956.

Geraldine accepted Christ at a an early age, where she attended St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Joliet, IL. In 2016 Geraldine fellowshiped with family and later joined Lively Hope COGIC in Joliet, IL under the leadership of Pastor Frank Edmon Jr.

Geraldine was employed at Caterpillar in Joliet, IL until she retired in 1975. She also worked as a DJ and bartender at local bars, where she went by the name "LADY G".

She enjoyed traveling, she relocated to Germany for a year and then returned home to her loved ones. Las Vegas was one of her favorite vacation places to visit.

Geraldine was very Family-oriented and always had a room in her home for her kids, siblings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Her heart was pure.

Geraldine loved to dance and have fun with family and friends. Her favorite dance was the push and pull. She would always play songs by her favorite

blues artist, Johnnie Taylor, like “last two dollars”, “Disco lady”, and “Sending you a kiss”.

She also had a love for cooking and baking. She’s known for her favorite dishes, dressing , greens, and potato salad. And let’s not forget about her homemade caramel cake and banana pudding made from scratch.

Geraldine is preceded in death by her parents, Argusta Carr and Mobile Chandler; brothers, Charles Carr and John Ford; three sons, Sammie L. Stepney Sr., Vincent R. Stepney Sr., and Tony E. Stepney Sr.; one daughter Denise Y. Stepney; one great-grandson, Damion K. Conway Jr. "DJ," and her longtime companion Curtis Mode.

She leaves her love, wisdom, and strength to her daughters, Augusta (Robert) Gilmore and Yvonne (John) Payton, both of Joliet, IL; four sisters, Evelyn Warren of Country Club Hills, IL, Mary Robinson and Deborah Jones of Joliet, IL, and Richella Wesson of South Bend, Indiana; one brother William R. Ford, also known as "Pop," of Joliet, IL. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, 16 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Elmhurst Cemetery

1212 East Washington St
Joliet, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

Lively Hope Cogic
308 N Midland Ave
Joliet, IL 60435

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

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Burial: Chapel Service

FEB 10. 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Elmhurst Cemetery
1212 East Washington St
Joliet, IL

Tribute Wall

LO

“ I just found out about mom. My condolences to you and your family. I'm praying for the whole family. She will truly be missed!! Much love to the whole family. Louise

Louise - March 09, 2024 at 09:44 PM

CM

“ Our Deepest Condolences To The Entire Stepney Family Just Heard of Mrs Geraldine Passing Sending 📿🙏🏻🥲 The Entire Morris Family

Cheryl Moffett - February 11, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JO

“ Rest well Granny! Thank you for being so sweet & kind. One thing for sure, you kept it real & didn't hold nothing back. You shared your love to everyone who came in contact with you. Love you 🥰

Jonathan - February 10, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JC

Just found out about Mrs Geraldine my deepest and sincere condolences to the Stephanie's for the loss of their loved one

Judy Campbell - May 09, 2024 at 07:59 PM

YS

“ Yolanda Sharp purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Geraldine Stepney.



Yolanda Sharp - February 09, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BN

“ *Bridgett Ngu purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Geraldine Stepney.*



Bridgett Ngu - February 06, 2024 at 08:02 AM

TE

“ *Granny Stepney was such a sweet and kind woman. She was the queen of the neighborhood and loved by so many. She would send my son off to school for me so I wouldn't be late for work. She was also so supportive of Tee and Company when we were active. I am truly going to miss her smiling face.*

Take your rest Granny

Love Tee, Trel, Tab and Mama Fleming

Tee - January 31, 2024 at 07:39 AM

CH

“ *I could write a book about the Chase st Kids!!! That fasure we were always kind gentle and giving but very strict and stern on your word!! Love you always Grannie as if I was one of your own girlll ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏heaven gained a sweet angel 🙏*



Chantel Harw - January 31, 2024 at 01:13 AM

AG

“ *Such an amazing woman. Granny you will truly be missed. Praying for all of the family. I love you all.*

Ashley Gregory - January 31, 2024 at 12:54 AM

CH

“ *What a beautiful woman with such a kind spirit. She was a big force of light for me through my childhood. Always made me feel loved and special. You could not help but feel her love whenever around her. I love me some grannie always!*



-XOXO

CHIKYLA ❤️❤️

chikyla - January 30, 2024 at 11:40 PM

ED

“ *We, the Officers and Members of Fort Erie Elks Lodge #167 and Amber Temple #1299 sends our most heartfelt condolences to our Elks Brother William "Pop" Ford and the entire family of Geraldine Stephany*



Early J Deloach - January 30, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DP

“ *Forever is a longtime..that's how long I'll love you ❤️ your baby Dede*



Dominique Pinnick - January 30, 2024 at 07:07 PM

JP

“ Jeremy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine Stepney.

Jeremy P. - January 30, 2024 at 06:45 PM

DJ

“ Condolences to My FAMILY may God Bless each one



Deborah Jones - January 30, 2024 at 06:44 PM