

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses, a black top, and a necklace. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft-focus image of light-colored roses.

*Geraldine "Gerri" Moore*

*Sunrise: November 14, 1935 ~ Sunset: May 10, 2021*

**Saturday, May 22, 2021**

12:00 PM Homegoing Service

**Kemp Funeral Home and Cremation Services**

24585 Evergreen Road

Southfield, Michigan 48075

*Reverend Ralph Petty, Officiating*

# LOVING CHILDREN



## *Missing You Always*

*You never said, I'm leaving you. Never said, Goodbye. You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why. In life, we loved you dearly in death, we loved you still, in our hearts you hold a place that only you can fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. A part of us went with you the day God took you home.*

***Your Loving Children, Renee, Ceretta, and Andre***



## OBITUARY

**Geraldine "Gerri" Moore** was born on November 14, 1935. She was the fifth of six children born to Everette and Ruth Freeman in Detroit, Michigan.

Geraldine received Christ at an early age. She was baptized at Corinthian Baptist Church in Hamtramck, Michigan, she remained a faithful member until her illness did not allow her to attend services. During her time, she enjoyed modeling in the Annual Women's Day Fashion Show.

Geraldine married her soulmate, Clarence Moore, on July 17, 1954; after a love blossomed between them during walks home from school and seeing each other at a ballroom dance gathering. From this union, three children were born: Renee, Ceretta, and Andre; and her bonus son, Anthony.

Geraldine and Clarence, married 61 years, demonstrated the keys to marriage longevity -- enduring love, devotion to each other, and the importance of family.

She began a career after her three children were in school full time by securing part-time day work and being of service to others at Holy Cross Hospital as a nurse's aide. From there, she worked for Excel Circuit as a board reviewer.

For over ten years after retiring from Excel, Gerri began working for Southfield Schools as a noon and bus aide. In order to work closer to home, she continued serving the Detroit Public Schools; in particular, Sampson Webber School, where she served as a pre-school noon aide. She loved taking care of the toddlers for many years until her health began to fail.

Over the years, Gerri was the secretary of the Pacific Block Club and received much love from every family on the block. Many family and friends would come to the house to bask in her loving sense of humor and taste her great cooking. An excellent cook was she. No one visited the house without being persuaded to have a meal, a cold beverage, and share a few laughs. She loved to entertain all who came to the house. Gerri loved to laugh, dance, skate, swim, and fellowship. During her illness, her children provided daily care. She always remembered to say, "THANK YOU SO MUCH for what you are doing" but for them, to care for her was pure joy.

Geraldine made her transition to her new life; joining the love of her life Clarence, on Monday, May 10, 2021, while under the care of her children and CNS Hospice Service. Husband, Clarence Moore; grandson, Kasib Christopher Rutland; her parents; sister, Thelma Brown; and brothers, Norman and Chuck Freeman preceded her in death.

She leaves to God's keeping and to cherish her memory: four children, Renee Moore-McCants, Ceretta (Jay) Westbrook, Andre Moore, and Anthony (Iris) Moore; grandchildren, Tonya, Shakira, Miracle Moore, and Darnita Rutland; one great-granddaughter, Miracle Rutland; sisters, Rose Todd and Bobbi Jean Freeman; sister-in-law, Catherine Freeman; brother-in-law, Raymond Moore; special daughter, Lynn Gleton; watchdog, Scooter; and a host of relatives and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....

Song.....Gail Howard

Old and New Testament.....Rev. Tony Henderson  
*Resurrection Christian Center*

Prayer.....Rev. Tony Henderson  
*Resurrection Christian Center*

Song.....Gail Howard

Acknowledgment of Cards, Condolences  
and Obituary.....Sheena Bailey

Expressions.....2 minutes please.....

Song.....

Eulogy.....Pastor Ralph F. Petty  
*City of Refuge Christian Church*

Recessional.....

## *Psalm 23*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*



*Ode to Geraldine*

*Not often in life do you meet someone you grow to deeply admire, love, and think of as a bonus Mother.*

*I was a teen when I met you as Ceretta's friend from high school  
Sat at your dining room table feeling like a family member  
Enjoyed the delicious food you prepared every time  
Secretly wishing my Mom could cook as well as you*

*Standing in the kitchen talking with you made me smile  
During challenging times, a talk with you always eased my mind*

*I loved seeing you dressed for success from head-to-toe and watching you  
move with rhythm and ease on the dance floor*

*You will always be a role model to me  
A strong Black Woman who moved through this world giving her best as a  
woman, a wife, and a mother*

*Thank you for your friendship and your love  
Your light will forever shine bright in my heart and spirit*

**Vikki**

*Pallbearers*  
Friends and Family

*Flower Bearers*  
Friends and Family

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To*  
**Kemp Funeral Home and Cremation Services**

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*Interment*  
**Mount Hope Memorial Gardens**  
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*Acknowledgment of Appreciation*

A special thanks to all who prayed, stopped by offering a loving hand, and sent acknowledgments to Renee, Ceretta, and Andre as we cared for our Mom. Additional thanks to Brenda Godfrey and Sheila Ragland and the CNS Hospice Service Nurse Barbara Ford, and the staff.

With grateful hearts, Renee and Ceretta give special recognition and thanks to our brother Andre for the excellent time of love he unselfishly devoted to our Mom, 24 hours each day for the last 5 years. No son could have done a better job than Andre.