



Geraldine McEldowney

August 7, 1936 - April 20, 2023

Geraldine "Gerry" Payne McEldowney, 86, of Cornelius, NC, passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 at her home with loved ones at her side.

She was born August 7, 1936, in Brewton, AL, to the late Norman Gafford Payne and Mabel Wolfe Payne. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a daughter Sandra Lynn Hicklen.

After graduating from T. R. Miller High School in Brewton, AL, Gerry attended Auburn University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. She was a grade school teacher before she retired in 1965 to raise her family. Gerry dedicated her time to making a difference in the things that spoke to her heart. She had a passion to help preserve historical sites in the communities where she lived as well as improve the lives of children through supporting community centers and providing tutoring for young girls in the South Carolina Lowcountry. She was an active member of Highland Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, PA and St. Helena Episcopal Church in Beaufort, SC. Most recently, she attended Church of the Cross in Bluffton, SC where she could be found spending time volunteering at God's Goods Thrift Store. Gerry enjoyed playing bridge, tennis and golf. She loved traveling with both family and friends, and entertaining in her home. Most recently, she had begun drawing, painting and "slinging mud" in her new found love of pottery making and art

classes. Her greatest passion was working in the garden which you could find her doing for hours on a beautiful day.

Gerry is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Robert W. McEldowney, III; children, Virginia "Beth" Schlabach (Chris), Robert W. McEldowney, IV (Amy); son-in-law, Will Hicklen; grandchildren, Ryan, Lauren, Hannah, Haley, Lindsay, Wally, and Ellie, and one great-granddaughter on the way.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to VIA Health Partners, founded as Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region, www.hpccr.org, 7845 Little Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28226

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the McEldowney family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Gerry to your family. She had a wonderful spirit and giving nature that will carry on in her children and grandchildren.
May you be comforted by warm memories of the time you all shared together. My parents, Larry & Sybil, also send their condolences to you.
Fondly, Cindi (Lawrence) and Craig Kimmel

Cindi Kimmel - May 23, 2023 at 02:50 PM

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“ Mac & Family,
Penny and I are so saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. Our hearts go out to you. Our semi-regular dinners together - now more than 25 years ago - were such a memorable treat for us, not to mention your friendships value to our mental health. God Bless.
Preston & Penny

p j Turner - May 17, 2023 at 04:05 PM

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“ I am blessed to call Gerry my cousin. I fondly look back on our “cousin reunion” at Callaway Gardens as well as a wonderful visit to their Poconos home. She will be missed but will always be loved.
Barbara E. Higgins

Barbara Higgins - May 04, 2023 at 12:25 PM

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“ Gerry was my beloved cousin...I have way too many memories to share. She will live forever in my heart....as a child through the present I worshipped every moment I could spend with her. She could do wrong in my eyes....I will ALWAYS love her immensely....Patty Payne Nami

Patricia Nami - May 04, 2023 at 11:10 AM