



Geraldine "Gerri" Elaine White Perry

December 21, 1944 - March 10, 2025

Ms. Geraldine Elaine White Perry was born on December 21, 1944, in Amity Hill, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Rayford "Preach" White and Geraldine Carr. Elaine departed this life on March 10, 2025, at Novant Presbyterian Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

She was raised by her paternal grandparents, Jay Hugh White and Annie Cornelius White, along with her sister Mary Bernice, at the home place in Amity Hill, Cleveland, North Carolina. Upon graduation in 1962 from Unity High School, Statesville, North Carolina, she departed to live with her aunt, Anne White and uncle, Dewitt White in Brooklyn, New York. Elaine, as she is affectionately known by her family and friends, or Gerri by her colleagues and started her career with the New York City Port of Authority in the Human Resource Division. Foreseeing an opportunity, she joined the initial women recruitment for the Port of Authority Police Academy. She had a long and prestigious career in law enforcement and retired as a decorated detective of her beloved Internal Affairs Division Team.

Upon retirement, Elaine returned home and settled in Mooresville, NC. She rejoined her childhood church, Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, where she served as a Trustee, Chair of the Deacon Board; member of the Presbyterian Women and provided diligent services to the church during the entire COVID crisis.

Socially, Elaine has loved community involvement and has served as past Membership Officer and President of Mooresville Newcomers Club for over 200 women. She volunteered for many years as an usher for the Belk Performing Art Theater in Charlotte, North Carolina. Elaine knew and loved jazz and Motown music. Elaine was serving as President of the Senior Book Club in her community, and an Officer of the HOA until she succumbed to her illness earlier this year.

Elaine was an avid sport enthusiast loving the Carolina Panthers and Kansas City Chiefs football teams and also tennis.

Those left to cherish her memories, a beloved aunt, Carolyn White of Mooresville, NC, beloved cousins, Chukuma Awanna (Nanette Awanna) of Chesapeake, VA; Randy White of Cleveland, OH; and a special goddaughter, Nazariah Jackson of Cleveland, NC; nieces, nephews, cousins, and host of loving friends, church family and colleagues.

A Celebration of Elaine's Life will be held on Saturday, March 22, at 1:00 PM, at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 935 Mt. Tabor Church Road, Cleveland, NC, with Pastor Timothy Porter officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be from 12:30-1:00 PM prior to the service.

As We Remember

A smile for all, a heart of gold

One of the finest this world could hold,

Never selfish, always kind

These are the memories she leaves behind...

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, NC, is serving the Perry 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

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

MAR 22. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church
935 Mt. Tabor Church Road
Cleveland, NC

Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church
935 Mt. Tabor Church Road
Cleveland, NC

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Elaine was a Wonderful Lady and I enjoyed many good conversations with her. as well as our December Birthdays. Rest in Peace Elaine. Judi W*

Judi Weckerle - April 01, 2025 at 12:52 PM

CL

“ *Cathy Lynch lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Gerri" Elaine White Perry*



Cathy Lynch - March 22, 2025 at 12:21 PM

JS

“ *Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal!*

*Overseer/Elder Joe & Margaret Sullivan
Chesapeake, VA*

Joe & Margaret Sullivan - March 21, 2025 at 03:58 PM

MD

“ *May you receive peace from the wonderful memories of Elaine. Let joy fill your hearts.*

Minister Olivia Davis - March 20, 2025 at 11:37 PM

JT

“ We are so sorry to hear of the death of Elaine. I remember our youthful days at Mount Tabor with Elaine and Bernice. May you find comfort and Peace as you recall happy memories of your loved one.
John and Janie (Knox) Turman
Durham, N.C.

Janie Turman - March 20, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Elaine White Perry.



March 20, 2025 at 07:21 AM

LA

“ We are so very sorry to hear this. Elaine was our neighbor in Mooresville and the sweetest lady. My husband enjoyed talking about “the job” with her. Rest in Peace sweet Elaine.
Rob & Lisa Arenella

Lisa Arenella - March 19, 2025 at 08:50 PM

TF

“ The Oakes Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Elaine White Perry.



The Oakes Family - March 17, 2025 at 01:19 PM