



Geraldine (Latshaw) Kelly Nash

January 14, 1927 - November 20, 2021

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Gerry Nash, as she like to be called, departed for Heaven peacefully, surrounded by her children and son-in-law, Harold (Tony) Carter, in their home in Atoka, TN on Saturday, November 20th. She was 94.

To us she was " Mom," a blessed title she will hold forever. Born January 14, 1927 in Memphis, TN to Vernie William and Lorna (Hill) Latshaw, she was the youngest of three daughters. Her sisters, Hazel M. Murgatroy and Muriel V. Ferguson, predeceased her. Her ancestry includes participants in the French and Indian War, Civil War, and her father in World War I. Additionally, her father descends from the Bern, Switzerland Anabaptists of the 1600's, some imprisoned for their faith in Christ. Her religious and patriotic roots run very deep. Gerry was a member of Cherry Road Baptist Church, Memphis, TN.

She began a career working for Western Union as a Teletypist at the age of 18 in 1945. Unafraid to venture out west, Western Union detailed her, for a short period of time, to Los Angeles, CA in 1946. It was there she met our dad, John Elvin Kelly (1925-1994), from Omaha, a handsome Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton. After his discharge, he moved to Memphis where they were married October 8, 1951. From this union three children were born: Bruce Elvin Kelly, Rhonda Gail Kelly (1958-1968), and Brenda (Kelly) Carter. Upon completing barber school, dad opened his own shop in Memphis at the corner of Trigg and Mississippi Blvd., and mom continued with Western Union. Not wanting to drive, she walked several blocks to take the city bus to downtown Memphis for many years. She took driving lessons, in the summer of 1976, so she could obtain her driver's license before her daughter did. Her first car was a Spirit of '76 Chevy Nova. She retired in 1985. In 1986, she married Millard Filmore Nash (1926-1995).

Mom loved us very much. One of the great tragedies of her life was the loss of her daughter Rhonda to a sudden illness at the young age of ten. She never got over that

pain.

Her family, friends, and neighbors were at the forefront of her life. Thinking of and doing for others provided her great joy throughout her life. Thanksgiving and the Christmas Season were her favorite times of the year. Mom did not have to do last minute Christmas or birthday shopping since she thought of each person and picked out their gifts in advance throughout the year. She was unselfish and did not want to leave anyone out. Before and during her retirement years, our mom's thriftiness generously helped clothe her grand and great-grandchildren. She taught us many valuable lessons in life which will not be forgotten.

Mom has a great posterity of three children, eight grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Three grandchildren also predeceased her. Her reunion on the other side with those whom she loved is surely filled with much joy and rejoicing. This is the reward for believing in and having faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and living a good, clean life. We are sad, but also grateful that her suffering has come to an end. We love and miss her very much.

We thank all of those who assisted in her final days: family, Methodist Healthcare Hospice - nurses, nurse's aides, and hospice Chaplain.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday, November 30 at 1:00 p.m. with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 p.m. all in the Fireside Chapel of Memorial park Funeral Home. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery

In lieu of flowers please donate to her favorite charity - St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, 38119.
(901) 767-8930.

To view the webcasted funeral service for Mrs. Nash please click the link below:
<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/northstar/64469/hash:04BCB1240BA6123E>

Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery
5668 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN, 38119

Events

- NOV

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Visitation

01:00PM - 02:00PM

Memorial Park Fireside Chapel

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Funeral

02:00PM

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Comments



“ Bruce & Brenda, So sorry to hear of the passing of Miss Geraldine. You have had a tough year and please know you are in my thoughts/prayers. I pray the good Lord will lift and carry all of you through this difficult time of grief. I pray you can lean into our good Lord and that he will sustain you during this difficult time. In Him, Ron Robinson

"Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 KJV



Ronald Robinson - November 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Bruce & Brenda, I loved your mom and your entire family so much as friends and neighbors to my family. Mom, dad, Mrs. Benson & I were all at the hospital with your mom when Rhonda passed away. I was a teenager and I will never forget that morning when she went to the hospital, and that night she went to be with the Lord. I know how sad your mom was and I'm so happy they are together again. I will be praying for each of your family who loves her so, and will miss her until you meet again. I love you all. Lynn Mitchell

Lynn Mitchell - November 24, 2021 at 10:20 PM



“ Brenda , I have such wonderful memories of growing up with y'all and Capri Rd., Memphis, TN your mother was so sweet to me and my mother always had good things to say about your mother I'm sure they had good talks about Christ One of my moms favorite subjects oh the days where we would all sit on your front porch and talk and talk and laugh and tell your mom to call you win one good memory I have as you said your mom rode the bus with her taking me with you and her to downtown Memphis for some Christmas shopping it was a good sweet memory shopping downtown with something I had never got to do so it was a big adventure for me and I still remember to this day I got tickled reading that your mom got her drivers license before you that is so funny i'm so glad she got her license my mom finally got hers and they moved to Mississippi scary when she drove for the first time from Mississippi to visit us I'm sure before she did she had probably gotten your mother to drive her to the grocery store she was always asking somebody for a ride I know my mother had nothing but wonderful things to say about your mom because every time I would talk to her I said well how is everybody they are probably all sitting ups in heaven looking down at us saying look at what a wonderful job we did with our kids and I know we both are good Christians following in their footsteps Brenda as I said the other day I am here for you I don't know how many times we ran into each other here and there over the years but it's always a good surprise when I look up and see you in a store and we can reminisce for just a few minutes like I said anytime you need to talk I'm here I've always felt since I was grown and when I got saved that God put me here to love and support some of the people that just don't have a smile on their face or anyone to talk to I always try to leave with someone smiling God bless you and your brother children and grandchildren during the sadness of your mom's going to heaven which is really a happy thing no more suffering no more pain just wonderful memories that last forever I will be thinking of you and your family as you say your goodbyes Tuesday Love you always your friend Marolyn Abel

Marolyn Abel - November 29, 2021 at 09:14 AM