



## Geraldine "Geri" M. Payne

October 10, 1939 - December 3, 2016

Geraldine "Geri" M. Payne of Salem, Missouri fell asleep in death on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the age of 77. Geri was born in Boss, Missouri on October 10, 1939 to the late Joseph and Joyce (Hedrick) Brooks.

Miss Geri Brooks was united in marriage to the love of her life, Mr. Byron Payne on January 1, 1957 and to this union three children were born. She loved her husband, children and grandchildren unconditionally. She was a very hard working woman. She loved to work and could outwork us all. She loved building and fixing things. She enjoyed outdoor activities: gardening, fishing, and travel. She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses in the local congregation where she enjoyed the fellowship and ministry of her spiritual family. Most of all she loved to help others. Her generosity, faithfulness, and self sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Geri is survived by her husband, Byron Payne; daughters, Penny Payne of Salem, Missouri; Judy Brandt and husband Dennis of St. Peters, Missouri; grandchildren, Benjamin Moore and wife Andrea, Johnny Moore and wife Yeonghee; great-grandchildren, Haylee Moore, Hunter Moore, Wyatt Moore, Benjamin Proffer; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, Joseph and Joyce, Geri was preceded in death by her daughter, Beth Karr; granddaughter, Jenny Proffer; sister, Joette Moore; brother, Ray Brooks.

Funeral services for Geri Payne will be held at 1:00PM Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary. A visitation for family and friends will be held Friday, December 9, 2016 from 5:00PM - 7:00PM. Interment will be held in the Boss Cemetery in Boss, Missouri. Serving as pallbearers will be Benjamin Moore, Johnny Moore, Kelbey Parker, Dennis Brandt, Kevin McGuire and Kevin McGuire Jr.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Boss Cemetery**

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**DEC 9 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM**

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**9**

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center, Salem, MO, US, 65560

**DEC 10 Service 01:00PM**

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**10**

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
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# Comments

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“ Geri was a very special person in my life growing up. She was a second mother to me from age 13 till she passed. As Judy posted, Geri was an extremely hard working woman. She was a loving, kind, compassionate and very patient mother, and grandmother. She was a wonderful friend to many. I will miss her dearly.

Stephanie Dittman - December 09, 2016 at 09:33 AM

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“ To each member of the family of Geri Brooks Payne, my prayers and thoughts are with each one of you at your great loss. There are no friends like old friends. She is gone but not forgotten and by the grace of a loving and compassionate God we will meet again. "Another one from us is gone, a voice we love is still; a place is vacant in our midst that never can be filled". May God strengthen and comfort all of you.

Ken Fiebelman - December 08, 2016 at 10:11 AM

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“ My mom was an amazing woman. She really did want to be thought of as a hard working person. She loved to work. She could spend hours outside working in the garden, mowing the yard, or trimming trees and never complain. If I asked her if she had worked long enough on a project and maybe needed to take a break, she would say - I could do this all day.

She loved to work with her hands and tools to build or fix things. For a while she and I had a painting business together. As we would drive to or from a job site she never complained about the hard day's work. She would always just say it was like being on vacation. When I found out she had not been taking her share of our pay, but had been giving it all to me, she said she didn't need it and wanted me to have it. Who does that? My mom does. We loved working together, I miss her.

She taught us to share. Mostly, we had to share her. People were drawn to her, she was so generous and loving. If someone needed a mom or grandma or whatever, she would give them the love they needed. She loved each and every one. Never doubt that you were special to her. She has suffered many heart wrenching losses, but has endured her broken heart with the wonderful hope for the future that Jehovah has given. The hope of the resurrection and seeing her dear loved ones again in a beautiful, restored, earthly paradise kept her going. She enjoyed sharing this hope with others. I enjoyed sharing her with you. You can not keep someone that special all to yourself.

Judy (Payne)Brandt

Judy Brandt - December 07, 2016 at 04:02 PM

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“ Justin Proffer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Geraldine "Geri" M. Payne.



Justin Proffer - December 06, 2016 at 11:47 PM

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Connie, Pam, Amanda, David, Jennifer, & families purchased the Peaceful White  
Lilies Basket for the family of Geraldine "Geri" M. Payne.



Connie, Pam, Amanda, David, Jennifer, & families - December 06, 2016 at 09:00 PM