



## Geraldine McConnell Terry

July 26, 1932 - June 12, 2014

Geraldine McConnell Terry of Newburg MO passed away June 12, 2014 at the Golden Living Center in St James MO at the age of 81. Gerry was born on July 26th 1932 in Okemah Oklahoma to the late Ira and Essie (Vanzo) Clay.

Geraldine's mother passed away when she was 3 years old. She and her sister Jeannie were adopted by Glenver and Ruth McConnell of Tulsa OK- where she was raised in a most loving and devoted family. At 18 years of age, she married Raymond Brooks and had one son- Michael S. Brooks. At the age of 22 she married William Terry and had another son Patrick J. Terry.

Gerri was a gifted artist and musician. She was a classically trained pianist- and particularly loved playing Beethoven and Chopin. She also was an avid reader- and a writer of poetry. Her love of music also gave her a vast storehouse of songs which she would willingly sing to anyone and everyone. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren loved her songs- and these have been lovingly passed on through her elder son to the school children of St. Patrick School in Rolla as well as her loving care-givers at the Golden Living Center in Rolla, MO.

At the tender age of 44- Gerri gave her heart and life to God. And was a shining witness to everyone she met. She was known as a "prayer warrior" for her family and friends- and loved to share stories and news about them. She

was always interested in people. Where they came from, what their personal stories were. She cared for them, prayed for them, and loved them. One of her favorite songwriters, Buddy Mondlock, seemed to capture her nature beautifully in one of his songs.

“She would kick up her heels on Michigan Avenue  
She would dance all night  
And when any of us were doubting ourselves  
She told us we were alright.

She was a loving mother, sister, and friend to many and will always hold a special place in our hearts. She is survived by her brother Calvin Clay of Bunch, OK; her sister Joyce Ramey of Stillwell, OK; and sister Delaine (Corky) Verbryke-Finks of Muskogee, OK; her son Michael S. Brooks and his wife Mary of Newburg, MO; her son Patrick J. Terry of Tulsa, OK; her granddaughter Sarah Kutz and her husband Matt of Kansas City, MO; her granddaughter Shauna McElrath and her husband John of West Poland, ME; her grandson Michael Brooks and his wife Amy of St. Louis, MO; her grandson Patrick and his wife Ashely of Rolla, MO; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday June 17, 2014 at James & Gahr Mortuary in Rolla, MO from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm with a prayer service following. A Memorial Mass will be held the next morning at 10:30 am at St Patrick Church in Rolla, MO.

# Tribute Wall



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