



Gerelda "Geri" Stinson

December 20, 1940 - May 23, 2026

Gerelda "Geri" Stinson, age 85, of Cairo, KY, passed away at 4:45 p.m., Saturday, May 23, 2026, at her home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice and surrounded by her loving family.

Geri spent her early years in Lewisburg, KY with her parents and siblings. She was the oldest of five children. Her father worked in the sawmill and her mother worked in a sewing factory. She became cook and caregiver of her younger sisters and brother at a young age.

Geri met her husband Dan when they were both kids. They married in February 1960 and immediately moved to Anchorage, Alaska where Dan served in the Army. While they were in Alaska, their only daughter Dee Dee was born. After Dan's service, they returned to Kentucky.

Geri became a Christian as a young girl. She was a faithful member of Hyland Baptist Church for most of her adult life. Geri was passionate about missions. She was active in Baptist Women and attended Women's Missionary Union conferences and meetings. She also taught Mission Friends and then Girls in Action for many years, where she taught young girls about missions and what it meant to serve God. Geri taught Vacation Bible School for over 30 years and sang in the choir.

Geri was a very talented artist who enjoyed oil painting, sewing, and scrapbooking. She took painting lessons and her work was featured in various art exhibits. She was an accomplished seamstress who sewed for herself and others. Geri also enjoyed cooking and hosting others in her home.

Geri and Dan traveled around the country with Dan's brother and his wife. Some of their favorite trips were to National Parks throughout the US. She also traveled to SEC tournaments to watch UK basketball with family and friends.

Geri was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend.

Geri was preceded in death by her parents Jessie and Katharine Whitaker and sisters Eldora Skipworth and Patricia Thom.

Geri is survived by her husband of 66 years Daniel Stinson; daughter Deidre "Dee Dee" Shadrick and her husband John of Paducah, KY; sister Barbara Womack and her husband Terry of Zion, KY; brother Gary Whitaker and his wife Holly of White Plains, KY; granddaughters Callie Shadrick of Louisville, KY and Natalie Shadrick of Fort Thomas, KY; and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to Geri's Life Celebration from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home and again on Wednesday starting at 12:00 p.m. until service time at Hyland Baptist Church. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the church with Reverend Kenny Kidd officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of memorial contributions to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green Street, Henderson, KY 42420, www.stanthonyshospice.org.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home. Please visit www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com to share words of comfort with Geri's family.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

8136 Highway 2084 S.
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 826-9623
info@roselawnmemorialgardensonline.com
<https://www.roselawnmemorialgardensonline.com/>

Upcoming Events

Life Celebration

MAY 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 827-3535
email@bentonglunttapp.com
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

Life Celebration

MAY 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hyland Baptist Church
1400 Wright St
Henderson, KY 42420-4561
(270) 827-1258

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Geri welcomed me into her home. She shared love and laughter and always made me feel special and loved. I have many of her recipes that she graciously shared with me when I got married. She was an amazing cook. I love this Godly woman with my whole heart.

Susie Gastenveld - 3 hours ago

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“ Loved her sister of my dear friend Eldora.
Love Louise Drake Layne



Nancy Layne - 3 hours ago

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A wonderful Woman and true friend. We will greatly miss Her ever present smile, Her warmth and friendship. Her faith never waivered, Her passion for Her church and family only grew. We love You Miss Geri and We will miss You until We all join You in God's arms.
Jay and Carol Sallee.

Jay and carol Sallee - 1 hour ago