



Elizabeth Gerlean Rice Lawrence

October 14, 1936 - November 15, 2023

Elizabeth Gerlean Rice Lawrence "Geri", 87, of 53 Woodlake Circle, Altavista died Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late James "Jim" Howard Lawrence, Jr.

She was born October 14, 1936 in Campbell County, a daughter of the late Acie Edward Rice and Eva Lambert Rice. She was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church and a retired customer service manager of New River Industries, Christiansburg, Virginia.

She is survived by three sons, Doug Guthrie and his wife, Renee of Altavista, Michael Lawrence and his wife, Paula of High Point, NC, and Jeffrey Lawrence of Greensboro, NC; one daughter, Vivian "Vicki" Guthrie of Altavista; one brother, Raymond Edward Rice and his wife, Linda of Hurt; one sister, Joyce Rice Coffey and her husband, Randolph of Altavista; five grandchildren, Joshua Potter and his wife, Caren of Charlotte, NC, Jordan Potter and his wife, Emily of Raleigh, NC, Jaired Potter of Mcleansville, NC, Clint Guthrie and his wife, Jessica of Altavista and Cody Guthrie of Hurt; nine great-grandchildren, Isabella and Lucas Potter, Jonathan Potter, Carrington Potter, Olivia, Christopher and Lukas Guthrie and Landon and Kiernan Guthrie; and several precious nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa

Lawrence McNeil; one brother, Andrew Beverly; and two sisters, Loraine Beverly Mitchell and Doris Rice Preas.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2023 at New Prospect Baptist Church by the Rev. Brady Willis with interment to follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m., Sunday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Brightstar and their staff, Jennifer, Angel, Daisy and special thanks to Felisha and Mollie, also appreciation and thanks to Zach with Heartland.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Ceremony

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

New Prospect Baptist Church
509 Prospect Rd.
Hurt, VA 24563

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Funeral Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 21, 2023 at 03:31 PM

AK

“ *I'm deeply saddened by this loss in this world. My mother Shelby Mitchell will be so happy too see this sweet child of God. I so wish I could visit..*



Audrey King - November 19, 2023 at 07:23 PM

AK

“ *THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY.*

ALICE KRANTZ KEESEE



ALICE K KEESEE - November 18, 2023 at 08:41 PM

RF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rita Frazier - November 18, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 18, 2023 at 01:34 PM

BH

“ Joyce & Randolph, if Larry was here, he would send a condolence . So sorry for the loss of your sister. May she rest in peace



Betty Hunley - November 18, 2023 at 01:21 PM

HA

“ Vicki and Doug,
God just received an angel. May you feel God's presence in the
days ahead and hold close the memories of a life of faithfulness and
love.

Bob & Kathy Harris

Harris - November 18, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family
of Elizabeth Gerlean Rice Lawrence.



November 18, 2023 at 10:54 AM

MS

“ marilyn shelton lit a candle in memory of
Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence



marilyn shelton - November 18, 2023 at 12:11 AM

EE

“ Eddie Connie Everhart lit a candle in memory
of Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence



Eddie & Connie Everhart - November 17, 2023 at 06:32 PM

EP

“ *Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence*



Eddie Puckette - November 17, 2023 at 06:24 PM

KW

“ *Kathy Walker lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence*



Kathy Walker - November 17, 2023 at 05:53 PM

JW

“ *Vicki & Doug,
Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Mom was such a beautiful woman and we know she will be missed.
Love you all!*



Jo Ann & Mike Weeks - November 17, 2023 at 03:38 PM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear of Gerlean's passing. She was a fine lady. Even though we will miss her we know she is finally home!*

Mac Calhoun - November 17, 2023 at 01:04 PM

BT

“ Vicki, we are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family during this very sad time.

Becky Rosser Thomas and Carolyn Rosser Cowart

Becky Rosser Thomas - November 17, 2023 at 01:02 PM

JB

“ Vicki,
So sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother. May the Lord give you peace in the coming days ahead. Betty and I will keep you in our prayers.

Jimmy Barrett - November 17, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Gerlean's passing. She was such a sweet and special lady!
So many good memories that were shared by my family.

Jerry Barnard - November 17, 2023 at 10:13 AM

PM

“ So sorry for your loss. Gerlean was such a kind and sweet lady. Praying for God's comfort for all of her family that only He can give.
Don and Patti Morton

Patti Morton - November 17, 2023 at 10:10 AM

JM

“ jimmy marr lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence



jimmy marr - November 17, 2023 at 08:41 AM

JM

“ Vicki, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

JoAnn Martin - November 17, 2023 at 07:53 AM

BT

“ I'm sorry Vicki, Geri was such an awesome friend. Jim and Geri encouraged me to sing at our prayer meetings, they're part of my song" My Sanctuary "I will always remember her! You're in my thoughts and prayers!! Sincerely, Betty&Pinky



Betty Talbott - November 17, 2023 at 07:35 AM

CP

“ Connie Payne lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence



Connie Payne - November 16, 2023 at 11:16 PM

PP

“ Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence



Paulette Payne - November 16, 2023 at 10:45 PM

GC

“ To The Family,
You have lost a wonderful Mother,
Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.
Please know that I consider myself Blessed to
have known "Gerry". I know she will truly be
missed, and Heaven received a precious person.



Love, Hugs and Prayers,
Glenna W. Carr

Glenna W Carr - November 16, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ Such a Special Lady and will always be
remembered that way.. Her Church family will
sorely miss her sweet smile. My Deepest
Sympathy and Prayers are extended to her
family. May she rest in peace with her beloved
"Jim".



Ralph Woods - November 16, 2023 at 07:59 PM

FJ

“ Vicki and Doug so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your
family. She was as pretty as she was many years ago.

Faye Jamerson - November 16, 2023 at 07:30 PM

TH

“ *Tammie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Gerlean Lawrence*



Tammie J. Hodges - November 16, 2023 at 07:17 PM

TW

“ *Vicki so sorry for your loss. I know how it feels*

Tommy Walker - November 16, 2023 at 06:22 PM

LM

“ *Doug and Vicki, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Geri was a wonderful person.*



Libby Monroe - November 16, 2023 at 05:24 PM

SJ

“ *Vicki I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. ❤️*

Sharon Jennings - November 16, 2023 at 03:04 PM

MP

Sorry for your loss Mary Pickrel

Mary Pickrel - November 19, 2023 at 10:02 AM