



Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro

September 29, 1929 - November 14, 2019

Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro, 90, of Charleston, wife of the late Frank Portaro, passed away on November 14, 2019 at her residence.

Family and friends are invited to attend her visitation on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 2 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be private.

Flowers will be accepted.

Gerri was born on September 29, 1929 in Aynor, SC, daughter of the late Empie S. and Sindie Rabon Gasque. She was a member of Summerville Pentecostal Church. Gerri was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and was the matriarch of the family.

Survivors are; son: Jesse "Ricky" David Barnhill of West Ashley; two daughters: Jo Ellen Scaff (Clyde) of Summerville and Judy B. Mayers of West Ashley; son: David Richard Simmons of West Ashley and son: Salvadore Frank Portaro (Joy) of Columbia; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; one sister: Joyce Campagna of North Charleston; one brother: Empie Gasque of Pawleys Island; she was predeceased by one daughter: Deannie Watts.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH
MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Service

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

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.*



December 04, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *My name is Elaine Waters Spaetti. I have know Mrs. Portaro since I was a child. My father and Mr. Portaro were friends. Daddy would take me to Portaro to eat. I loved it. Over the years I would see Mrs. Portaro where I work at the bank in Summerville. She never forgot me. She is a special lady. What I remember about her was her beautiful smile and her kindness. My heart goes out to her family and I will keep all of you in my prayers. There are people who you meet in your life and you never forget them Mrs. Portaro is one.*

Elaine Spaetti - November 21, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.*



November 18, 2019 at 10:34 PM

JC

“ Judy and Chad purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.



Judy and Chad - November 18, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.



November 18, 2019 at 12:29 PM

JC

“ Joyce and Don Campagna purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.



Joyce and Don Campagna - November 18, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.



November 18, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.*



November 17, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ *My Mom, Sarah, was so close to Aunt Tanny, which is what we called her. She was my sister and I closest aunt. Aunt Tanny and Mom saw each other through so many of life's happenings. They were always there for each other. Living far apart never broke that tie of love for each other. I praise the Lord that though we grieve now, we know we can see and be with her again. Aunt Tanny loved Jesus with all her heart. When we talked on the phone, she talked about her wonderful children, missing mom, and her love for the Lord!!!*

Helen Stocker - November 17, 2019 at 06:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.*



November 16, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.*



November 16, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerri" Alma Gasque Portaro.*



November 16, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ *I was fortunate to meet this sweet woman at her 90th birthday gathering. What a gentle, graceful soul who was obviously loved dearly by her wonderful family. I hope her children and their children find peace and will celebrate the wonderful memories they have of this beautiful lady. May her light shine within each of you always...*



Sally Perkins

Sally Perkins - November 16, 2019 at 12:01 PM

RA

“ Ms. Gerri❤️,
will be missed very much!
She was loved by all who knew her!
David, you were “THE BEST SON EVER”
All the wonderful memories you have!
God bless you all so much.
I am glad I had the privilege to know her and call her “MY FRIEND”!
Thank you God for her 90 years!
We love you David!
Brenda and Rick Arivette

Rick and Brenda Arivette - November 16, 2019 at 11:25 AM