



Geraldine Inez Cummings

April 5, 1950 - February 25, 2021

Geraldine Inez Winthrop Cummings, 70, of Charlotte, NC, died on February 25, 2021, at the Levine and Dickson Hospice House at Southminster.

Geraldine, or “Gerri” or “Gerle” as affectionately called by friends and close family, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 5, 1950, the sixth and youngest child to the union of Dan Brown Winthrop and Esther Askew Winthrop. She was adopted into the family of God at Friendship Baptist Church in Cleveland at age 12. Always exceeding in scholarship, she attended Cleveland public schools and graduated from East High in 1968. She was in the first graduating class of the experimental all-girls public middle school, Lulu Diehl. From there, as a life-long learner through her elder years, she earned Associate, Bachelor, and Master degrees as well as a graduate certificate and other certificates and designations, from Howard University, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College and nationally recognized professional organizations. Even through all the learning, she never walked in life thinking that or acting like she was above others.

Married in 1979 to Jerry Cummings, she became mother to son Jamil W. Cummings, also known as Jamil Ami El, and an infant daughter, who predeceased her. Shortly thereafter, she received inspiration to raise her son as a divorced single parent with much support from family and friends. Her greatest joy in life was endeavoring to walk in faith. Not a perfect person by any

stretch, she lived the life that she thought would please the Creator. She believed in serving and shared her noteworthy corporate and non-profit sector work experiences, knowledge and abilities through volunteering for many organizations including: Big Sisters of Cleveland Ohio; Charlotte Community Building Initiative/Conflict Resolution; founding member of Charlotte Northeast Optimist Club; Diamonds Work Program creator and Rain Team member for Walls Memorial AME Zion church; Board of Directors Matthews Grove Home Owners; Board of Directors University North Carolina State Employee Credit Union; Charlotte Affordable Care Act Health Navigator; Siskey YMCA; Calvary Church Place of Hope; Healthy Churches 2020 and many others. Most recently, she had been working for Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region where she was instrumental in creating the Chameleon's Journey Grief Camp. She was also a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Most important to Gerri, however, was the time spent with family and friends. She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all who were blessed to know her. She leaves to mourn; her son Jamil; a brother Tony Winthrop of Tampa, Florida; nephews: Jeffrey Johnson of Madison, Wisconsin, Tony Harden and William Lockett of Cleveland, Ohio; her nieces, Audrey Watson and Bonita Johnson of Chicago, Illinois, Debra Baines and Angela Williams of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and a special cousin Clarice M. McNeily of Cleveland, Ohio; her dear friends and confidantes Sharmel Nelson of Orlando, Florida; Dr. Marcella Atwater of Durham, NC; Ruby Lewis of Mint Hill, NC; Dr. Cynthia Bradley-King of Pittsburgh, PA and Joseph Murray of Mitchellville, MD. Gerri is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends including those whose lives she touched through the legacies her talents left behind.

Always looking out for others, Gerri worked with the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home in planning everything before her passing. Upon her passing, Lowe-Neddo was privileged to continue her plans and care for the family. A memorial service in her honor will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Saturday,

April 10, at The Pauline Tea Bar Apothecary, 2326 Arty Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28208.

Please take a moment to visit Gerri's online Tribute Wall and share your favorite memory, photo or video with friends and family. Thank you for keeping all in thought and prayer during this time.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Pauline Tea Bar Apothecary
2326 Arty Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28208
<https://www.ienate.com/tea>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Geraldine Inez Cummings*



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - April 09, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Geraldine Inez Cummings*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Geraldine Inez Cummings*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM

JT

“ So sorry to hear the news about Gerri and just heard the news from a friend that worked at Hospice with Gerri & I. I worked with Gerri for four years at Hospice & Palliative Care and I found Gerri to be a caring, funny and delightful person. She was always inquiring about how you were doing and she was appreciative of anything you did for others. I would see Gerri around Charlotte after we no longer worked at Hospice. I was so impressed that she was always doing something to further her education and she made effort to eat well. I am blessed to have known Gerri and she brightened my day with her wonderful smile while we worked with those experiencing loss and grief. I'm glad to hear that Hospice was involved with Gerri and can find comfort knowing Gerri was cared for at the end of her life. Blessings and prayers to the family. Janice Tucker



Janice Tucker - May 10, 2021 at 04:23 PM



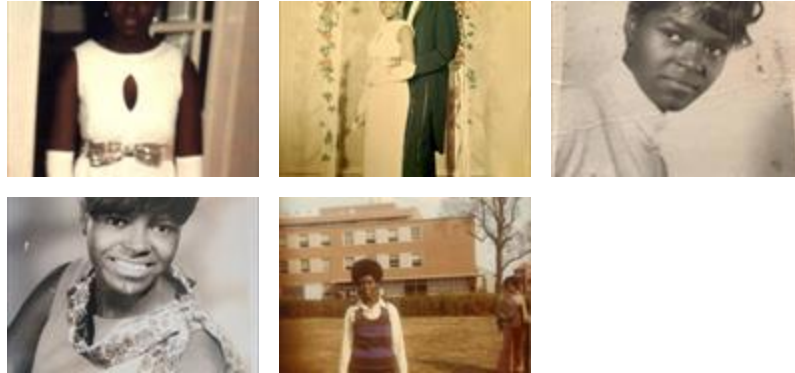
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Geraldine Inez Cummings.



April 10, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Memories Album



Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home - April 09, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine Inez Cummings.



April 07, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine Inez Cummings.



April 03, 2021 at 03:18 PM

JP

“ I am heart broken over the death of my cousin Gerri. Gerri and I found each other due to my mother, Sarah Jernigan-Phillips and Gerri father, Dan Winthrop, my mother uncle never giving up and finding each other after they were separated at a young age in Alabama. My mother were raised by Gerri dad mother, and her biological grandmother, Queen Jernigan-Winthrop after her mother died and when Queen Jernigan-Winthrop died in 1923, my mother and Gerri dad were separated and after 60 plus years, they found each other again in the 80's. That's when I found out I had a cousin Gerri and that we both lived in the same city and state of Charlotte, North Carolina. I'm going to miss the road trips we took and the many life-changing discussions and debates we had on these trips. RIP Cuz!

Joanne Phillips-Williams

Joanne Phillips-Williams - March 10, 2021 at 06:08 PM

RM

“ The human race had to catch it's collective breath at her loss. "Jerri" as we knew her was one of the most kind, generous, and transparent of persons ever here in Charlotte. She had a most infectious smile that bedazzled everyone who met her. Any conversation with her was the high point of the day to all who had the blessing of her presence. Her legacy lives on to encourage us who remain to be as she was...a genuine human being. We miss you so much! God bless Jamil and the family in such a time as this.

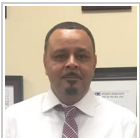
Russell H McCullough - March 08, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ I'm at a loss for words. This is a lot to take in. When I heard of your passing, I felt like someone punched me and knocked the wind out. I would like to extend my condolences to Jamil and the family. Gerri was such a precious jewel. She inspired me to be the best version of me that I could be. We met several years (over 15) ago at work. She became my "Charlotte Mother". She always gave me ideas to plan for the future. She shared her vast knowledge and nuggets of wisdom every time we talked. I loved the life experiences that she told me about. I got to spend some time with her 4 years ago when i came in town to celebrate my 40th birthday. I will forever cherish all of the texts, calls and times that we were able to spend together. She was a PHENOMENAL lady who poured so much into those that were blessed enough to be in her presence. I love you Gerri and I'm forever grateful to God that I met you and that we kept in touch down thru the years. My life is so much better because of you. Words simply cannot express the magnitude of the impact that you had on my life. Rest in the arms of Jesus. You will definitely be greatly missed. I love you. Jerome



Jerome Mack - March 08, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ Ms. Gerri was a beautiful spirit. She always had a warm smile and made our family feel welcome in Charlotte. She will truly be missed.
Love

James Green - March 07, 2021 at 06:14 PM

CM

“ So many memories I shared with my cousin but this one the older we got the more special it was we could walk to one another house my aunt Easter Geraldine mom made the best tea cakes ever I would eat some there but wanted to take some home with me also aunt Easter would only give me 2 to take home but my big cousin would go back n kitchen an sneak me 2 more an for that Clarice loved her big cousin even more

clarice mcneily - March 07, 2021 at 01:32 PM

WS

“ Words can not express the sorrow I felt after hearing about the passing of my cousin. My condolences to her family and her dear son. She is resting in the arms of our Lord. Free of pain. Rest well my sweet cousin, until we meet again on the other side.

Willie Ann Smalls - March 06, 2021 at 02:38 PM

TB

“ I remember when I came to stay with my aunt gerle in Texas she introduced me to peanut brittle . she has a beautiful soul and could cook . I loved her vegan chili she made. Love you always tanisha❤️

Tanishia baines - March 06, 2021 at 01:22 PM

SM

“ Let me tell you. Gerri is one of the funniest women I'd ever met! I was dating her son when we really got to know each other, so I was kind of intimidated around her, but she has such a bright light and loving nature. You just feel kindness radiate from her and you're put right at ease. Learning about the tough times she endured and the great work she did with hospice for children added so much to the beautiful complexity of her. She is a storied lady and I will carry her stories with me until I am gone. I love you, Gerri!

Sophia Matthews - March 06, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ *My freshman year roommate, Soror and lifelong friend... all my love Gerri.*
Cynthia Bradley-King

Cynthia Bradley-King - March 05, 2021 at 05:09 PM