



## Susan Jayne Gerard

August 13, 1942 - March 23, 2024

Susan Jayne Cown Gerard, age 81, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend passed away at home on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

Susan received her BA degree in Math and Physics from North Georgia College and her MA degree from Kansas State University. She was a pillar of strength for her family. Through countless moves as a military wife, she created a home no matter where the Army orders led them next. For nearly 30 years she held her family together during 19 moves in the U.S and overseas. She guided and supported younger wives, led numerous women's organizations, and continued to support her family at home in Georgia, no matter the distance. Simply said, she sacrificed her career to support her husband and family.

Susan's family farm remained her foundation and after many travels, she, and her husband Tracy, were able to retire in their forever home at Hope Hollow. Susan enjoyed her garden, her animals, and her quiet life surrounded by those she loved. She spent countless hours on her porch swing talking about current events, sharing stories, and giving advice; this was her happy place.

Susan always believed God puts you where He wants you to be, and there was not a day that she did not say, "Thank you, Lord." She was actively involved in activities of Grayson United Methodist Church by helping start the

Preschool and forming the Sisters in Faith Bible study class. Susan believed in the power of prayer, she began each day in devotion, and she shared her love of the Lord willingly. Her faith grounded her in everything she did and everything she was, her love for Jesus never wavered.

Susan loved unconditionally and her devotion to her husband, children, and grandchildren was immeasurable. She was the matriarch; she was the one who held everyone together. Susan helped raise five beautiful, loving grandchildren who are a testament to the kind of person she was, they are her legacy. Susan touched the lives of many, she gave generously, she served, and she cherished every person in her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harold and Jayne Cown, her brother George Cown, and her sister-in-law, TeRessie Cown. Susan is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Paul Tracy Gerard, Jr. of Loganville, GA; her daughter Shannon Hayes of Loganville, GA; her daughter and son-in-law Rebecca and Scott Standard of Covington, GA; grandchildren, Andrew Hayes, Nolan Hayes, Palmer Hayes, Wil Standard and Elle Standard; and many other adored family and friends.

Susan's visitation will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the Tim Stewart Funeral Home on 300 Simonton Road in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Her celebration of life will be held on Friday, March 29, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Grayson United Methodist Church on 555 Grayson Parkway in Grayson, Georgia with Rev. Trenton Dockery, and Mrs. Katie Atcheson officiating. She will lie in state at the church from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Burial will follow at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, 2299 Rosebud Road Southwest in Grayson, Georgia.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770.962.3100. Please sign the online guest

registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com) <<http://www.stewartfh.com>>.

# Cemetery Details

## Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

2299 Rosebud Rd. SW  
Grayson, GA 30017

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

## Lie In State

MAR 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Grayson United Methodist Church  
555 Grayson Parkway  
Grayson, GA

## Funeral Service

MAR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

Grayson United Methodist Church  
555 Grayson Parkway  
Grayson, GA



# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Jayne Gerard*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - March 28, 2024 at 10:04 AM

BS

“ *Bentley Sherlock purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.*



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**Bentley Sherlock** - March 28, 2024 at 03:41 PM

BS

“ *Bentley Sherlock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Jayne Gerard.*

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**Bentley Sherlock** - March 28, 2024 at 03:41 PM

TB

“ *The Lawrences & The Blackers purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.*



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**The Lawrences & The Blackers** - March 28, 2024 at 01:36 PM

TB

“ The Lawrences & The Blackers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Jayne Gerard.

The Lawrences & The Blackers - March 28, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.



March 28, 2024 at 12:40 PM

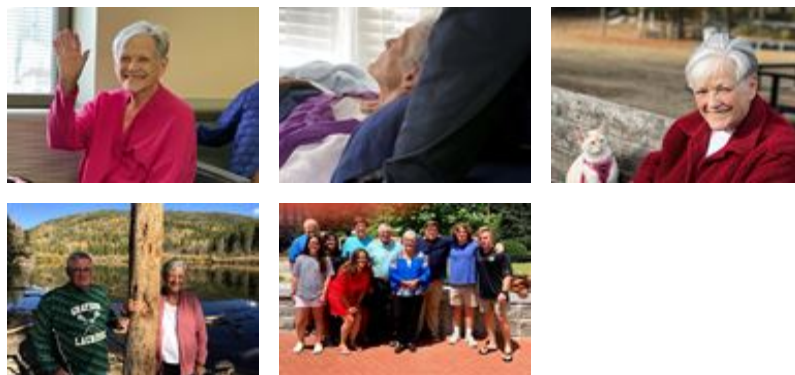
TF

“ The Riehn, Willis and Palmer families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Jayne Gerard.

The Riehn, Willis and Palmer families - March 28, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ 73 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 28, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.*



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March 28, 2024 at 08:16 AM



“ *CrossFit C5BARBELL Coaches & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.*



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**CrossFit C5BARBELL Coaches & Family** - March 27, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - March 27, 2024 at 04:44 PM



“ *Our treasured forever friends, the Gerards, were our neighbors at Ft. Leavenworth, KS (1977), and in Fairfax, VA (1978-81). We have kept in touch since then, attended one another's family weddings, and visited at each other's homes. Tracy, Shannon and Becca and families, we praise you for your loving and tireless devotion to dear Susan, especially as she so bravely and patiently battled her illness. May your cherished memories bring you peace and comfort.*

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**Earl & Rosemary Finley** - March 27, 2024 at 03:53 PM

ED

“ Earl & Rosemary, David & Dawn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.



Earl & Rosemary, David & Dawn - March 27, 2024 at 03:03 PM

KM

“ Karen Mincey purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.



Karen Mincey - March 27, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.



March 27, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.



March 26, 2024 at 10:18 PM

KC

“ *Kristy Crawley purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.*



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**Kristy Crawley** - March 26, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.*



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March 26, 2024 at 01:34 PM

CT

“ *Chip Thurston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Jayne Gerard.*

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**Chip Thurston** - March 26, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.*



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March 26, 2024 at 06:16 AM

BC

“ Susan and I went through Elementary and High School through 9th grade at Grayson High School and then 10th through 12th grade at South Gwinnett High graduating in 1960. I have many fond memories of Susan including our spend the night parties. Our heartfelt Sympathy goes to Tracy, daughters, son-in-law, and grandchildren.  
BeverleyCooper

Beverley Cooper - March 25, 2024 at 06:28 PM

BG

“ We are sad to hear Susan is no longer with us. She is with God & the Angels watching over family & friends.  
Love Carroll & Brenda Glenn

Brenda Glenn - March 25, 2024 at 05:50 PM

NG

“ Susan has been my hero as I have follow this path too. She gave me the strength to go on. We prayed for each other, keep in touch with texts. Her great spirt and strong faith will be missed but never forgotten. Love you Susan

Nancye Glenn - March 25, 2024 at 05:27 PM

DM

“ My heartfelt condolences to all who knew and loved Susan.



Disne Mosley - March 25, 2024 at 05:17 PM

KM

“ Keith and Mark purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Jayne Gerard.



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**Keith and Mark** - March 25, 2024 at 02:53 PM

KM

“ Keith and Mark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Jayne Gerard.

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**Keith and Mark** - March 25, 2024 at 02:53 PM

JR

“ Susan was always an encourager to everyone and often reminding me with "Jim you are doing what God has meant for you to do in HIS service.  
Prayers of Gods comfort and peace for Susan's loving family.  
Well Done Good and Faithful Servant as Susan has won her victory in heaven.

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**Jim Reavis** - March 25, 2024 at 02:05 PM

KF

“ We are saddened to learn of Susan’s death after her patient struggles against her cancer. We were stationed with the Gerards at then - Ft. Gordon , Georgia in 1970-74 and have fond memories of celebrating holidays and birthdays with her, Tracy , Shannon, and Rebecca. We enjoyed dinners at Officers’ Club, The Green Jacket, Dine an’ Stein and picnics at Clark Hill. We have stayed in touch with them over the years. We send our condolences to the family and their church and community. She will be missed. May she rest in peace.

*Ken and Anne Freimuth  
Ogden , Utah*

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**Ken and Anne Freimuth** - March 25, 2024 at 11:01 AM