



## Geraldine Henderson

November 3, 1931 - October 23, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Geraldine Henderson

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – EGYPTIAN CHAPEL

3208 South Park Avenue, Energy, Illinois

Geraldine Henderson, age 90, of Ballwin, Missouri, formerly of southern Illinois, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

Geraldine was born on November 3, 1931 in Marion to Robert and Marie (Palasz) Jones. She married Clyde Dwight Henderson at Warder Street Baptist Church in Marion on August 17, 1955. He preceded her in death on November 4, 2021.

Geraldine obtained her BS from SIU and her MS from SIU. She taught ancient medieval history college prep at Downers Grove High School from 1957 to 1961. Geraldine got her MA in 1964 from Wheaton College. In 1967 she moved from Chicago to St. Louis due to her husband, Clyde's job at AT&T (now Lucent).

From 1972 to 1976 she was the Kirkwood High School Head Librarian. From 1976 to 1977 she worked at Cemrel, an educational research facility. From 1978 to 1991 she supervised Waterloo School District's Library, but she always considered her most important work teaching the children at church. After her move, it was Bethany Baptist Church in Town and Country, Missouri and the outreach church they started, Immanuel Baptist Church in St. Charles.

Survivors include her daughter, Jill (Martin) Heins of Warsaw, Missouri; her son, Mark Henderson of Fenton, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 66 years, Clyde D. Henderson.

Private services will be held at Crain Funeral Home-Egyptian Chapel in Energy. Burial will be in Egyptian Memorial Gardens in Energy.

Crain Funeral Home-Egyptian Chapel in Energy has been entrusted with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Egyptian Memorial Gardens**

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# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Henderson Family



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**Jill Heins** - June 04, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ I am sorry to learn of your mothers passing. I remember I always felt welcome visiting your home growing up.

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**Susan** - May 14, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *Geraldine Henderson*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Jerri’s Testimony (by Jerri Henderson)

*I had a “bent of the will” toward God from the time my parents first took me to church. I loved the study of the Bible and the Warder Street Baptist Church of Marion, Illinois was a provider of many opportunities for growth.*

*It is amazing how a simple statement can influence your whole life. I was about five years old when my Dad and my uncle were sitting in front of my Uncle’s fireplace discussing politics, and religion. They had a mild disagreement. But my Dad’s definitive ending statement said with total assurance in his voice tone was, “It’s in the Bible!” Somehow that lodged in the back of my mind. My Dad was strength, stability, and authority. This was HIS authority. And it was important.*

*I was so pleased to have my own Bible and the people of my church let me participate in Wednesday night prayer meetings after my salvation and Baptism at age 11 at Warder St Baptist Church. At 16 I was part of a gospel team that led services in churches in the area. It was here that I met my future husband. We renewed our friendship when he returned from Alaska and were married in 1955. Clyde was the finest Christian man I ever met. I have been married to him for 59 years. He has never uttered a curse word. He has total integrity, and has never let our family or any of our churches down in any aspect of his life.*

*In college an older friend taught me to build my flannel graph collection and to teach a child evangelism class at a nearby school and church. Later we had a series of such classes in our home with our own children participating. I took courses in Library Science to learn to put the Dewey numbers on the back of the books at our church. The Lord used my library background to provide for the finishing of my retirement in a timely manner. When I had a job teaching ancient medieval history, the Lord provided me with a Sunday School class where I could incorporate the knowledge from the Bible with ancient history. From our methods of Bible study class*

*at Moody, I was able to incorporate this by putting each of those methods of Bible study with one of the Minor Prophets. My joy was that sometimes the Lord would show me something special in the Word that I could never have figured out on my own. I believe the renewing of the mind through Bible study enhances our mental capabilities.*

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**Jill Heins** - September 25, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *Geraldine Jones Henderson*

*Geraldine Jones Henderson was born November 3, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois to Robert David Jones and Marie J. Palas Jones. Jerri graduated from Marion Township High School in Marion, Illinois in June of 1949. She completed degrees in teaching history and speech with a BS in Education in 1952, a MS degree in Speech Correction, and a MA degree in Library Science from Rosary College, now Dominican University, in Oak Park, Illinois in 1964.*

*Jerri's father's faith in the authority of the Bible as the Word of God was impressed upon her at as early as the age of 5. Her father encouraged her to make her profession of faith at the age of 11 and she and her mother were baptized together. Jerri began teaching Child Evangelism classes when she attended SIU in Carbondale. She continued to teach Sunday School classes to all ages throughout her life. She completed degrees in teaching history and speech with a BS in Education, and an MS degree in Speech Correction from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. She also obtained an MA degree in Library Science from Dominican University in Oak Park, Illinois.*

*She married her high school sweetheart, Clyde D. Henderson, August 18th of 1955. Together they determined to serve the Lord and looked out together towards this as their life goal. God gave them enriching opportunities. Throughout their lives, God arranged many divine appointments in their lives and facilitated the same for them and in the lives of others in Chicago they were able to attend Moody Bible Institute evening school together and sponsor youth groups in LaGrange and Westmont, Illinois. Jerri taught Ancient Medieval history at Downers Grove High School while having the opportunity to teach a four-year survey course of the Bible to the high school students at the Westmont Baptist Church. She regarded this as one of God's very special gifts to her in her love of the study of the Bible. A special gift from God was a course she took at Wheaton on*

*Christian Classics taught by a visiting British professor. Jerri especially enjoy teaching an Ancient Medieval history class to college prep students at Downers Grove High School at the same time she was teaching a high school Sunday School class a Bible survey course.*

*The most meaningful experience of life was the joy of seeing God's hand in the life of her two children, Mark and Jill Henderson. Their friendship and gift of time and joy of living life to the fullest along with their dear friend, Martin Heins, gave life its deepest meaning.*

*Clyde and Jerri put their shoulders to the wheel with the building of three new churches in the area including Bethany Baptist Church, Immanuel Baptist Church, and Emmaus Baptist Church.*

*For almost seven years Clyde and Jerri took care of her mother until October 12th, 2005. For eleven months they provided for a family that had need of a place to stay until August of 2007 and helped care for their friend Valerie, a back surgery patient for one month in 2008.*

*Their final years have been times of being close to the Lord in the realization that when they had questions, God confirmed those questions with answers from his Living Word. One of their hobbies was creation science studies. As they have been unable to serve the Lord in the ways they could and did when they were younger, they find contentment in knowing God now wants them just for himself. They wanted to serve the Lord when they were young, and not give God the leftovers. For Clyde and Jerri felt that the God who created this universe deserves our best.*

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**Jill Heins** - September 25, 2023 at 02:59 PM



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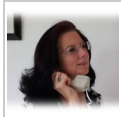
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Jill Heins - August 18, 2023 at 03:28 PM



CD & Jere Henderson's wedding in Marion, Illinois. Frank Henderson (CD's brother) on right.

Jill Heins - August 18, 2023 at 07:29 PM



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Jill Heins - August 18, 2023 at 03:27 PM



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**Jill Heins** - July 18, 2023 at 11:18 AM

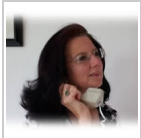


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**Jill Heins** - July 12, 2023 at 02:35 PM

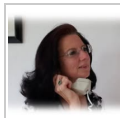


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**Jill Heins** - December 24, 2022 at 10:42 AM



*Photo of Mark Henderson with Jere on L.  
Photo of C.D. Henderson and Cleo with Jere on R.*

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**Jill Heins** - July 11, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Psalm 116:15*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

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**Jill Heins** - October 30, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ Geraldine “Jere” Henderson:

*Jere impacted many lives in Missouri and Illinois. She spent herself like the Biblical oil of nard making the lives around her better--she gave of herself by continually teaching. Even when she wasn't instructing at church or school, she was inadvertently impacting those around her by example.*

*We were proud to call this intellectual woman our Mom and hope that we will grow to be more like her.*

*My God turns my darkness into light. Psalm 18:28*

*This was her prayer for us as children:*

*For a Child*

*Your friends shall be the Tall Wind,  
The River and the Tree;  
The Sun that laughs and marches,  
The Swallows and the Sea.*

*Your prayers shall be the murmur  
Of grasses in the rain;  
The song of wildwood thrushes  
That makes God glad again.*

*And you shall run and wander,  
And you shall dream and sing  
Of brave things and bright things  
Beyond the swallow's wings.*

*And you shall envy no man,  
Nor hurt your heart with sighs,  
For I will keep you simple  
That God may make you wise.*

*Mark Henderson and Martin and Jill Heins  
Jere's Children*

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**Jill Heins** - October 29, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Jill Heins lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Henderson*



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**Jill Heins** - October 29, 2022 at 09:31 AM