



## Geraldine Strong

March 24, 1937 - March 9, 2025

Geraldine Strong was born, Alta Geraldine Miller, on March 24, 1937 in a four-room farm house near Aubrey, Texas about ten miles northeast of Denton, Texas. She passed from this life to be with her Lord and Savior on March 9, 2025.

Geraldine grew up in a simple life on the farm with her parents Oscar and Alice Miller and her brother Lawrence. They grew peanuts and cotton and had a garden for vegetables and her mother made her dresses out of printed flour sacks. They hand drew water from a well and carried it to the house until they got electricity when she was eight. Her early school years through fifth grade were in a two-room schoolhouse. For sixth grade, she rode a bus into Denton, Texas. Following sixth grade, they moved to Denton, where she completed her education and then attended North Texas State University where she met and married her love, Darrell Strong on February 11, 1956.

Darrell and Geraldine moved to Garland, Texas in June of 1968 where they became very active members of the First Baptist Church of Garland. On August 19, 1968 Geraldine began working at FBC Garland as Records Secretary where she remained until her retirement in 2001. She was admired by the church staff and members alike for her quiet dedication, gracious spirit, and congeniality.

Geraldine's husband, Darrell, was very much a people person, but as opposites attract, Geraldine was quiet and shy and preferred to stay in the background. She was fired from her first job when she was fifteen because she didn't want to talk to customers. She did manage to overcome her shyness enough to answer the phone at FBC and interact with all the members and staff who would come to her with requests. One staff member was quoted as saying "She is one of the most dedicated, patient Christians I know, an inspiration to work with."

Geraldine's favorite pastime was reading. She collected over a thousand books over the years and unlike most of us, read every one of them. She also loved recipe books and enjoyed browsing through them, planning new dishes to try out. She and her mother, Alice Miller, actually put together their own recipe book with collections of recipes from Alice's fellow Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) colleagues as well as from many family members and friends. There are many family members and close friends who still cook dishes from the "LVN Cookbook" as they titled it.

Geraldine loved studying her bible. She read her bible daily and between her and Darrell amassed a large volume of bible study books that she would also read. She also loved her Joy Sunday School class, which she continued to attend via Zoom along with every Sunday worship service, which she attended virtually in her last years.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Alice Miller and her husband, Darrell Strong as well as many in-laws including Jimmy Royce (Sonny) Strong, George Sherwood (GS) Strong, Wayand Jones, Gordon Pierce, Murray Jones, Carnes Alexander, MaxLene Strong, and Ruth Strong.

She is survived by her children, Mike Strong and his wife Sheri, Jerri Strong and her husband Steve Cozart, Donna Reeves, and Tania Fernandez. She is

also survived by her brother, Lawrence and his wife Kay; her brother-in-law, Hillard and his wife Sarah Joe; her sisters-in-law, Maureen Jones, Ina Marie (Rea) Pierce, and Betty Alexander. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Chris Strong and his wife Sandra, Kelley Gomez and her husband Jose, Rebecca Plattner and her husband Blake, Rachel Johnson and her husband Chris, Reagan Alcorn and her husband Chris, Vanessa Knagg and her husband Alex, and Natalie Simpson and her husband Rusty. Her great grandchildren include Callie and Haylie Burke, Tate Strong, Sebastian (Bash), Jocelyn, and Leighton Gomez, Lenna and Livie Plattner, Evelyn and Sonny Johnson, Braden, Brantley (Bubba), and Bryson Alcorn, Sayla and Havana Simpson, and Lincoln and Henry Knagg. Plus, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 10:00am to 11:00am on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at First Baptist Church of Garland. A celebration of Geraldine's life will begin immediately following visitation at 11:00am also at First Baptist.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First Baptist Church Legacy Building Fund, 801 W. Ave D, Garland, TX 75040.

# Cemetery Details

## Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75243

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Garland  
801 West Avenue D  
Garland, TX 75040

## Celebration of Life

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Garland  
801 West Avenue D  
Garland, TX 75040

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Kathy Goff purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Geraldine Strong.*



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**Kathy Goff** - March 26, 2025 at 04:16 PM

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“ *Kathy Goff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine Strong.*

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**Kathy Goff** - March 26, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Geraldine Strong.*



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March 26, 2025 at 04:00 PM

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“ *Carlson Engineering, Inc. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Geraldine Strong.*



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**Carlson Engineering, Inc.** - March 26, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine Strong.



March 25, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geraldine Strong.

March 25, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ Allan A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Geraldine Strong.



Allan A. - March 20, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ Your Pecan Baptist Church Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Geraldine Strong.



Your Pecan Baptist Church Family - March 19, 2025 at 10:02 AM

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“ Your Pecan Baptist Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Geraldine Strong.

Your Pecan Baptist Church Family - March 19, 2025 at 10:02 AM

WT

“ I have many fond memories of Geraldine and Darrell when they were at First Baptist Church Hutchins. She was church secretary and served on the library team with me. Mike and Sissy were young blessings at the time. Randall and I, along with Charles and Ora Russell, enjoyed celebrating our common wedding anniversaries with Darrell and Geraldine for many years

Wanda Tuley - March 14, 2025 at 10:52 AM

LP

“ Lee Phelps lit a candle in memory of Geraldine Strong



Lee Phelps - March 13, 2025 at 06:47 PM



“ Garden of Sweet Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Geraldine Strong.



March 13, 2025 at 10:44 AM