



## **Geraldine Clark Beshears**

**May 24, 1929 – April 30, 2018**

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Geraldine “Gerry” Clark Beshears, 88, entered Heaven’s glory on April 30, 2018. Her faith became sight after a lifetime of loving and serving her Lord and those whom He placed in her life.

Gerry was born on May 24, 1929 in Hinton, WV to the late Albert Ross Clark and Emma Ruth Harvey Clark. She moved to Baltimore, MD, as an adult where she met and married Charles Beshears with whom she would live and faithfully love for fifty-eight years. Together, Gerry and Charles served the Lord, built a home, reared three children, and spoiled their grandchildren.

Gerry and Charles relocated to Purluar, NC where their home was a gathering place for family celebrations for the next forty-five years. It was there that love for the Lord, family, and others was passed to future generations. Mamaw, as she was known to family, made everyone feel special with home cooked meals, delicious desserts, and the gentle spirit that was her hallmark. Her life epitomized the words from Proverbs 31: Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

While in Purluar, Gerry was an active and humble servant in New Hope Baptist Church. She served in many capacities, but is most beloved as a GA (Girls in Action) leader and Sunday school teacher – roles that she filled for more than forty years. Her selfless service and love were examples to all who knew her. Many

have been blessed by her visits, phone calls, cards and letters, and rides to doctor appointments when they were going through difficult times.

Her own difficult times necessitated a move to Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro, NC, where both her own and Charles' health needs could be met. For the next five years, her life continued to shine the light of Christ on new friends. Her absence leaves an emptiness in the hearts of those who cherished her; however, the ones who share her faith in Christ know we will live with her in eternity.

Gerry is survived by her daughter Cheryl Benton and husband Mike of Morganton, daughter Cindy McManus and husband Harold of Archdale and daughter-in-law Gaynell Beshears of Purllear. Her beloved grandchildren are Emily Benton, Hannah Benton Penley and husband Ryan, Michael Benton, Benjamin McManus and wife Jenny, Joseph McManus, Jared and Jonathan Beshears. She is also survived by a brother, Ralph Clark and wife Jane of Hickory, a sister-in-law, Betty Beshears of Purllear, a niece, Kay Karminski and husband Lee of Woolford, MD and niece Janet Ahmad and husband Ahmad of Texas and many other well-loved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles, her son, Danny Beshears, her grandson, Aaron McManus, three brothers and two sisters.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 until 2:00 PM Saturday, May 5, 2018 at New Hope Baptist Church fellowship hall in Purllear. A service celebrating her life and faith will be held at 2:30 PM in the church sanctuary. Following the service, Gerry will be buried at Yellow Hill Baptist Church Cemetery beside her beloved Charles. Reverend Mike Stamper will officiate the service and Pastor Dan Qurollo will officiate at the graveside.