



## Geraldine Bjorkman Lyons

March 1, 1933 - December 5, 2020

Geraldine (Gerry) Lyons, 87, passed away peacefully at home on December 5, 2020. She was born Geraldine A. Bjorkman on March 1, 1933 in Charles City, Iowa.

She moved to Washington, DC after high school and worked for the FBI. She met her future husband the late, MSGT Clayton E. Lyons at a Halloween party in DC. In 1970, she moved to Germany with her husband and two daughters and started working for the Dept. of Defense. After her husband's Germany tour, they moved back to Alexandria, VA where she continued working for the Dept. of Defense until retirement.

During retirement, her and her husband built their dream home in Annapolis on the Chesapeake bay. After retirement, she continued to be active- working part-time at Best Connection travel, which gave her the opportunity to travel to many countries. Her favorite was Singapore.

She was also on the Art's committee at Quiet Water's Park in Annapolis, MD, where she won many awards for her service. She loved watching her two grandson's take sailing lessons at SSA and race in local regattas. She hardly missed her early morning walks with her lady friends in the neighborhood, enjoyed her Pilates and yoga workout at the Senior Center. Gardening was another past time and she was a great cook in her early days.

Her family will miss her dearly. As well as, David Sunshine, of Sunshine Cares, LLC who was at our mother's side for 2 1/2 years. He was instrumental in making her life a special one.

She is survived by her two daughters, Tamra Miller and Terra Lyons, son in-law, Glen R. Miller, DDS, two grandson's, Evan Miller and Jordan Miller and two great grand children.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to:

Alzheimer's Association- [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

Hospice of the Chesapeake Foundation, John and Cathy Belcher Campus, 90 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122.

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Jeff Bjorkman - January 23 at 11:41 AM

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Tonya Lyon Queen - December 19, 2020 at 02:12 PM

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“ So many memories from my childhood include time with Aunt Gerry! Annual trips on Labor Day with my parents to visit Uncle Clay and Aunt Gerry. Mostly when they lived near Tysons corner and eventually in Annapolis. Aunt Gerry, Mom and I would go shopping from morning till night... coming home with bags and bags. Aunt Gerry introduced me for the first time chocolate chip pancakes- what a life changing moment. Aunt Gerry you will be missed greatly by so many people. Thank for all those wonderful memories! Love to Tam and Terra! Your southern cousin sending love and hugs to you both!

**Tonya Lyon Queen** - December 19, 2020 at 02:10 PM

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**Terra Lyons** - December 19, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Gerry was such an incredible person- so kind and caring- my family lived up the street and my sister had a severe physical handicap- when both my parents passed away over the years ,Gerry was always available to help my sister in any way possible-when my sister passed away , Gerry looked after the house as I flew back and forth from California making arrangements for my sister and for the home-Gerry was my “go to” neighbor to allow contractors or technicians into the house in my absence- she truly was a godsend- all my best wishes to her family and to Gerry our special fondness and prayers. Garrick and Denise Bauer

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## “ Part 1

A Loving Tribute in the memory of my Mom, Gerry Lyons.

My Mom was 87 when she passed away on December 5th, 2020 from Alzheimer's. She is now free from the disease after a long heart-breaking period of physical and mental decline inflicted by dementia.

My Mom was a kind, generous, fun, adventurous woman and loved her family.

After she retired, she worked part-time for Best Connection Travel. Working there helped fulfill her “travel bug”. She and my Dad would take bus tours to NY plays, see the Rockettes Christmas show, tour museums, and go to garden shows. One adventure where my parents traveled to with their friends, was Machu Picchu. After they toured the ruins, my Mom arranged for my parents to stay in a treehouse in the jungle of Peru. No running water or hotel amenities. They enjoyed the adventure, the beauty of the jungle, and the people. Of course, their friends traveled on and stayed in a hotel. That's how adventurous my Mom was.

My Mom liked the structure and had to be busy, but she didn't like housework. After she retired, she was still an “early bird”, rising for her daily 7:00 am walks with her neighborhood lady friends. Then on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, she was off to the Senior Center for her morning pilates and yoga classes. After all that, then she was off to Best Connection Travel and would work until the late afternoon. She enjoyed working.

She believed in getting involved with the community and she volunteered at Quiet Waters park for years, up until her health begun to decline. She was an active member of The Art's committee. She wanted the park to be a thriving community park for Annapolis. She won many, many awards for her service on the Art committee and had so many friends. She would never hesitate to help with events at the park. She sold raffle tickets at the concerts during the summers, distributed posters for upcoming Art shows throughout Annapolis, sold t-shirts, and set up art receptions. She loved Quiet Waters.

Mom liked to test new recipes on her family. We were her “taste testers”. While I was in college, I came home and found my parents, along with their friend Judy Mossman in the kitchen making Dutch coffee drinks. “Coffee Inkwells” they were called. When I walked into the kitchen, my Mom had this glass in her hand, with the rim dipped in sugar and vodka. With the flick of a lighter, she ignited the glass. I was shocked seeing my Mom with her glass on fire. She blew it out, let the glass cool off, and enjoyed her “Coffee Inkwell”. You never knew what she was concocting in the kitchen.



“ When I was living in California. Our boys and I would spend the summers with my parents. That’s when my parents introduced Evan & Jordan to sailing lessons at SSA. My parents loved watching them sail and race their Optimist sailboats. Once the boys started winning regattas, my parents proudly displayed their awards in their house.

My parents were very involved in my boys' activities. My Mom shared her love of cooking with them. Today, both of my boys are better cooks than myself.

My Mom’s getaway in Annapolis was shopping at Nordstrom's. Somehow, I was the one nominated by my Dad and sister to always go with her. I would carry her fanny pack, coat, sweater, and follow her along while she showed me the items she was interested in. I was exhausted after every escapade to Nordstrom. It was a good bonding time for the two of us.

After our Dad passed away, my sister and I knew we needed help taking care of our Mom since her health was declining. That is when we talked to one of her lady friends in the neighborhood that my Mom walked with, Julie Heath. Julie sat down with my sister & me and helped guide us through the process of caring for her. She introduced us to David Sunshine.

David was at my Mom's side for two and a half years. He was like her “adopted son” and her “sidekick”. He was there in good times and challenging ones. The two of them had a special bond. I am beyond grateful for the kind, loving care he gave to my Mom. And, the time and guidance he gave me and my sister.

Towards her final days, my Mom was gracious, thankful, and kind to David, her hospice nurse, and aide. She would put a smile on your face. Even though, it was so difficult for her.

My Mom was a devoted “Gramie” to my sons, Evan & Jordan. I have some hard shoes to fill with my grandchildren, Lillian and Everett. I want to be as devoted to Lillian and Everett, as she was to Evan and Jordan.

Watching my Mom deteriorate for over 10 years with Alzheimer's was painful and devastating at the end. All we could do was to make her comfortable in her own home. David, my sister, and I did exactly that. My Dad would be proud of us for keeping her in the house. That was one of his wishes.

I am thankful for the childhood and adulthood she gave me. She was always there for me.

Mom, I will miss you dearly and I am blessed that you were my Mom.

Love you,  
Tamra



“ Tami, you have given a wonderful, heart-warming testimony to your wonderful Mom. You do her proud with your loving words!

**Jayne** - December 22, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Jayne, thank you so much! I will miss her.

Tami

**Tamra Miller** - December 27, 2020 at 04:02 PM

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“ Living aunt and Great Aunt—a giving person who always welcomed friends and family for a meal. Gracious gift giver and wonderful listener. Thank you for being the best Auntie! Love and miss you, from your Norra Ann



**Norra Murphy** - December 12, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ \*Loving Aunt

**Norra Murphy** - December 17, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ What a sweet photo of you and Aunt Gerry! She was indeed a very loving Auntie!!

**Jayne** - December 22, 2020 at 01:27 PM