



Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper

December 6, 1946 - May 11, 2022

PRINCETON - Jerlaine Carla "Jerri" (Calfee) Kasper, 75, of Princeton, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at her home. Born December 6, 1946 in San Francisco, CA, she was the daughter of the late Carl Calfee and Nora (Boyle) Calfee.

Jerri worked for True Line, Inc. for 28 years and a beloved member of the Matoaka Christian Church. She enjoyed traveling, spending time with her grandsons and her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her adoptive parents Raymond and Macie Gillespie; sister Ellen Esparza; brother, Ralph Gillespie; and sister-in-law, Vera Gillespie.

She is survived by son, Krishna Kasper and girlfriend Tricia of Newfield, NJ; daughter Kachina Kasper and fiancé Michael Laughery, Sr of Princeton; grandsons, Kaden Kasper and Michael Laughery, Jr.; brothers, Dwight Gillespie of Princeton, Kenneth Gillespie and wife Judy and Vernon Gillespie all of Lashmeet and Carl Calfee of Indiana.

A service of remembrance will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Jerry Heaton officiating.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Princeton, WV 24740
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Memorial Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM

SK

“ I first met Jerri at Christmastime 1968 when she came home with my brother Dave to the house in Jersey. I liked her immediately. She was kind and so easy to be around. We have been friends ever since. I remember driving to Connecticut with her to introduce her new little one, Krishna, to the relatives, and then -- always sitting at the kitchen table in Newfield -- watching her and Kachina and my mom playing some game or other. In 2006, we rendezvoused in Missouri (half way for both of us). Jerri walked into the hotel, holding 6-month-old Kaden in her arms. The same thing happened years later when little Michael, shy at first, clung to her during a visit to Jersey. Jerri was totally devoted to her family and friends -- and to her God, always caring, always generous.

We laughed for years over a bottle of peach schnapps we got from somewhere, and visited when we could -- in West Virginia or New Jersey and even Colorado, where she and Kaden came twice for a visit. She wanted him to experience everything, so off we went to Rocky Mountain National Park, the zoo, the swimming pool, and the air museum where he took turn after turn in the airplane simulator. At my condo, she whipped up a pot of mashed potatoes and said she could never make gravy as good as my mother's, though that is probably not true.

When I made it to West Virginia, I drove with her to her office in Pineville, me full of questions and Jerri explaining this coal thing or another. She loved her state and the people who made it go. She took me to her church, the Matoaka Christian Church, where young Kaden leaned his head against her shoulder and the beautiful music brought tears to my eyes. We went to lunch with Bonnie and another time to a holiday celebration at the Gillespies, and another time to a benefit for an ailing worker in Princeton. Jerri cared about people and her church. If there's a heaven, as she had no doubt there is, I'm sure she is there right now.

Sure going to miss you, Jerri.

Shirl Kasper

Shirl Kasper - May 16, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper.*



May 16, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper.*



May 16, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ *Donna (Mills) Stenlund lit a candle in memory of Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper*



Donna (Mills) Stenlund - May 16, 2022 at 10:54 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper*



Debbie Bailey - May 16, 2022 at 09:11 AM

DB

Ms. Jerri you will be missed dearly - you weren't only my co-worker you were my friend

Debbie Bailey - May 16, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper.*



May 16, 2022 at 09:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper.*



May 16, 2022 at 08:59 AM

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“ *Michael Laughery lit a candle in memory of Jerlaine "Jerri" Kasper*



Michael Laughery - May 15, 2022 at 03:23 PM

PM

“ *My sweetest friend I just can't believe you are gone I kept waiting for you to come through those church doors but instead you walked into heavens gates I know you are happy and at peace now no more hurting no more pain just when you said a peaceful feeling come over you God was getting you ready oh how I will miss you and our long trips together but you made your final journey so until then*

GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN

TELL VERA AND MOM I SAID HELLO AND WE WILL SEE YOU SOON

LOVE YOU JERRI, LOVE PEGGY 📍🥹📍🥹📍🥹

Peggy Matthews - May 14, 2022 at 01:09 PM