



Geraldine "Jerry" Tobler

May 4, 1921 - April 23, 2021

Geraldine Morton Tobler was born on May 4, 1921, to Susie Falls Morton and William Thomas Morton in Dumas, Arkansas, and died on April 23, 2021, just 11 days shy of her 100th birthday. She was the fifth of eight surviving children and loved growing up in Dumas in the midst of a loving family. Jerry graduated from Dumas High School and attended business college before joining the work force as a secretary at the Pine Bluff Arsenal (AR) and then the Veterans Administration during and following WWII.

She met the dashing Charles Hamilton (Ham) Tobler and they married on January 13, 1946. Jerry and Ham lived in Ft. Smith, Little Rock and West Memphis, all in Arkansas, prior to settling in Huntsville, Texas in 1962, when Ham was hired at Sam Houston State University. Having continued her employment at an insurance agency and then as a church secretary, Jerry left paid employment when she and Ham adopted Steven Morton Tobler and Mark Hamilton Tobler. She was a loving and engaged mother, serving as the class mom many years, and cheering her boys on at numerous baseball and football games.

Jerry was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Huntsville, including both the United Methodist Women and the Builders Sunday School Class, as well as volunteering in the church office. She was a member of SHSU Women and was active with the local AARP chapter. Jerry volunteered for over 40 years at Huntsville Memorial Hospital and was honored in 2004 as Volunteer of the Year, an award she more than deserved having accumulated

over 11,000 volunteer hours.

Following retirement, Jerry and Ham enjoyed traveling, playing bridge with friends, and bird watching. They were pillars in their community and freely shared their time and talents to assist and nurture friends and strangers alike. They were married 61 years until the time of Ham's death in 2007.

In 2010, Jerry moved to Carriage Inn retirement community (Huntsville) where she took full advantage of a wide array of activities. In 2015, she returned to Little Rock to be closer to surviving family.

Jerry was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Hamilton Tobler; her sons, Steven Morton Tobler and Mark Hamilton Tobler; her parents, Susie Falls Morton and William Thomas Morton; and three sisters and four brothers, Sybil Morton Hefley, Roscoe Morton, Reba Morton, William Thomas Morton, Jean Morton Wiggins, Donald Morton, and Larry Morton. She is survived by eleven nieces and nephews, including a very special niece, Susan Hefley Weir.

A graveside service will be held on May 5, 2021, at 10:00am at Brooke Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 1016 Sam Houston Avenue, Huntsville, TX 77340 or huntsvillefumc.org/give or to First United Methodist Church, 723 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201 or fumclr.org/giving/.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences to the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980
Huntsville, TX 77320

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Geraldine "Jerry" Tobler*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *My memories of my Aunt Jerry begin in my childhood....always linking (as we do) the aunt and uncle names...so we always referred to “Jerry and Ham”. Jerry was one of my mother Jean’s older sisters, but just by a couple of years. I recall her as being full of energy, and never at a loss for words. In my eyes, I thought she resembled Queen Elizabeth, and a few years ago, I gathered up photos of Aunt Jerry at different ages, to put alongside photos of Queen Elizabeth at those same ages....uncanny! They could have been “twins separated at birth”, and I know Jerry enjoyed that “royal comparison.” Because my father’s job eventually moved us away from the South to California, I lost my Southern drawl, and I’ve always enjoyed hearing Jerry’s characteristic Arkansas (Dumas) accent. At one family reunion, I sang my own version of the 1930’s song “Ding Dong Day From Dumas”, ...changing it to reflect Jerry’s childhood address -- “Jones Street Jerry From, Dumas”. Jerry outlived all of the MORTON family, including her 3 younger siblings. Fortunately, our cousin Susan was able to be like a daughter to Jerry the past few years. I’m glad that our aunt was blessed with such a long life. We will never forget dear Jerry. (her niece Linda Wiggins)*

Linda Wiggins - May 05, 2021 at 12:44 PM

CW

“ My parents played bridge and were in the same Sunday school class as the Toblers. She was such a sweet person. I always enjoyed visiting with her when I would come home. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Cheryl and Joyce McLaughlin

Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - May 03, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ Mrs Jerry was a staple at HMH for so many years that it is hard to imagine the hospital without her and her kindness to all... thank you for sharing her with us because she made such a difference to so many in Huntsville. She will be missed

Terri Bohanon - May 02, 2021 at 03:41 PM

BK

“ This precious lady was always a giver and an encourager. Long ago she and Ham honored me with a scholarship named after her son, Steve, and she offered many acts of kindness to us all at the hospital over the years. She will be missed, but her many kindnesses are a living legacy in many. Thank you!

Bambi Kiser - May 01, 2021 at 02:03 PM

JJ

“ Such a beautiful and sweet lady will be remembered by so many of us. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Jeannine Jacoby - May 01, 2021 at 01:01 PM

CM

“ Jerry welcomed my family to Huntsville in 1964 and delivered a homemade cinnamon cake to Tom and I when we moved back there in 1994. She and Ham remained good friends of the family through the Builders Sunday School Class and also the Bridge Clubs. Once, Jerry loaned her candy striper outfit to me for a One-Act Play in high school. I will miss you, Jerry. Sending prayers for the family. Love, Claire Herlong Meador

Claire Meador - April 30, 2021 at 06:43 PM

CN

“ Such a lovely, sweet, kind lady! Rest in peace, Mrs. Tobler.

Carol Nichols - April 30, 2021 at 05:59 PM

PS

“ Such a sweet lady. Prayers for the family 🙏



pat Sprott - April 30, 2021 at 02:07 PM

LT

“ I adored Mrs. Tobler. She was such a sweetheart. I used to catch the school bus with her oldest son Steve at her house on the corner. I will always remember how she looked out for me. I saw her years later when I was probably 40 at my sister in law's funeral. She recognized me and called out my name. We hugged and had a nice little chat. May she rest in Heaven. She was a kind soul.

Lesli Johnson Tutt - April 30, 2021 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ Rest in peace. Mrs. Tobler was a sweet lady.



Steve Dianna Holbrook - April 30, 2021 at 12:36 PM

DM

“ David McKee lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Jerry" Tobler



David McKee - April 30, 2021 at 07:43 AM

SS

“ Mrs. Tobler was such a sweet lady. Prayers for her family.



Sue Sprott - April 29, 2021 at 10:47 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Geraldine "Jerry" Tobler



M. Hyvl - April 29, 2021 at 07:51 PM