



Mrs Geraldine Weldon

March 23, 1931 - May 9, 2025

Geraldine (Gerry) Draa Weldon, age 94, born March 23, 1931, passed away on Friday, May 9, 2025.

Gerry was born in Sanford, FL and moved to South Florida when she was in elementary school. Upon graduation from Belle Glade High School, she attended the University of Florida and was among the first female class members allowed to live on campus. She met her husband, Earl S. Weldon, at the Wesleyan Foundation. They were married on August 20, 1951. They were blessed to share 49 years together.

Gerry was a wonderful mother and member of the community. She was a room mother, chaperone and volunteer while her children were young. In 1973, she returned to school and graduated, from FTU, now known as UCF. She earned her degree in Early Childhood, along with a degree in Art.

She was hired at Idyllwilde Elementary School, teaching Second Grade. After 2 years, she transferred to Kindergarten and found her true passion and continued teaching for another 18 years. She touched many lives through her career and repeatedly had former students recognizing her and fondly remembering her as their teacher.

Gerry was an active member of the Sanford Garden Club, Beta Chi and the

P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter Y. She was a member of the Foundation at Seminole State College, where her husband was the founding President. She is fondly referred to as the First Lady of Seminole State.

She was preceded in death by her husband Earl, her daughter Eileen Weldon, and her son Steve Weldon. She is survived by her daughter Janice (Ken) Hickson, daughter-in-law Barbara Weldon, four grandchildren Kara (Adam) Colangelo, Joshua (Sara) Hickson, Christopher (Krista) Weldon, Brooke Weldon and six great-grandchildren Austin, Emily, Xander, Celina, Adelynn, and Ellery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to honor the life of Gerry through the Foundation for Seminole State College. 1055 AAA Drive, suite 209, Heathrow, FL 32746. Gifts can also be made online at: <https://seminolest ate.app.neoncrm.com/forms/imo>

Previous Events

Funeral Services

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Markham Woods Presbyterian
5210 Markham Woods Rd
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Tribute Wall

“Wayne Dyer always said, “When you squeeze an orange, what always comes out?” Well oranges of course, which was the point, in that who we are inside can’t help but find its way out. Well when you “squeezed” Gerry, you always got Joy. She was shining from the inside out, regardless of what trials life dealt her along the way. Sometimes I think that grief carves a vessel so deep that eventually that giant space can be filled with joy.

Last December I arrived at Gerry’s retirement home with a box of cookies baked by members of our Ixora Garden Club ladies, a club she had been a member and leader of for many years. When I got to her room and knocked on the door I heard jingle bells on the other side and was convinced they were connected to the doorbell somehow. When she opened the door she gave me a huge smile and hug and invited me to sit on the couch with her for a chat. The mysterious sound of the jingle bells continued. I finally asked her where the bells were coming from and she pointed down to her sneakers where I discovered that she had stung bells through them! I asked her if someone was wanting to keep tabs on her every move and she said “Well I do have an admirer down the hall, but no I put these there and let me tell you why...” She then told me all about when she was teaching little ones in school and how she had a mandatory rule that each child had to wear them on their shoes. I think it was that she wanted to know where they were but she had that mischievous look in her eye that told me she wanted them to remember to find joy every day during the holiday season. She said this was particularly special because she had students visiting her forty or fifty years later and some of them still remembered this rule and made their children wear them with them during the holidays so her tradition was living on. This made her so happy.

She truly cared about people and listened to them with genuine curiosity and interest, which led one to feel heard and loved which is a wonderful gift to have. She will be missed but her lessons can live on through all of us who were lucky enough to know her.

Sheila - May 31, 2025 at 03:15 PM

FD

“ *Gerry and I taught kdg together when I first moved to Seminole county. She was my mentor and wonderful friend. It was my pleasure to later teach both of her grandchildren, Kara and Josh. Loved Gerry and her family.*

Frances Douglas - May 16, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs Geraldine Weldon.*



May 13, 2025 at 01:09 AM



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

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“ *I worked alongside Gerry in the kindergarten "pod" at Idyllwilde Elementary. She was such joy to work with! Always smiling, always patient, and with a wicked sense of humor! Gerry epitomized grace and style in everything she did, whether it was putting together a kindergarten art activity or planning a reception for a Seminole State function. She was a mentor to me, but, more importantly, a dear friend. She left a glorious legacy, and I feel so blessed to have known her.*

Gretchen McCallister - May 12, 2025 at 09:24 PM

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“ Win San Condos purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs Geraldine Weldon.



Win San Condos - May 12, 2025 at 06:18 PM



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

May 12, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs Geraldine Weldon.



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“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mrs Geraldine Weldon.



May 12, 2025 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Mauveen Brownlee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs Geraldine Weldon.*

Mauveen Brownlee - May 12, 2025 at 02:40 PM

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