



## Jearline Tolliver

March 13, 1947 - July 21, 2014

Jearline Tolliver well known as Jerri passed away at the age of 67 on the evening of July 21, 2014 at St. Vincent's Hospital as a result of complications of lungs and breast cancer.

She was born to two magnificent Baptist parents the late Eddie and Gladys Wilbourn on March 13, 1947 in Senatobia, Mississippi.

Jearline was married in 1975 to Tom Wojtowicz for many years and remarried in 1995 to John S. Tolliver.

John and Jerri were inseparable. They both enjoyed the love of fishing; Jerri loved the peace and quiet of the fishing trips. Around her work, family, neighborhoods, friends and home she had developed a reputation as someone who was crazy about fishing. She loved the anticipation, the smiles and the thrill of seeing others catch their big fish or their first fish. She looked forward to the excitement of riding in her fishing boat and feeling relaxed and free; she loved being outdoors! She also loved gardening; growing, planting, soiling, raking and digging her own vegetables and plants.

In addition it would be remiss to not acknowledge her love for cooking, she was an outstanding cook! She loved feeding people and her awards were the smiles of gratitude on their faces. She loved cooking so much that in 1995 she

and John decided to open their own restaurant “John and Jerri – You Buy Fry”. Everyone loved her and her good cooking, but in 2002 they decided to retire. She wanted the freedom of choosing how to spend their time; so they decided to move from Chicago to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Jearline believed that you needed to be active in your daily living; the neighborhood and community was where she demonstrated her personal commitment to the Lord.

She is survived by her husband, John Tolliver; one daughter, Cynthia (Matthew) White of Chicago, Illinois; three grandchildren, Takara, Tasha & Matthew White; six siblings, late sister, Shirley Shaw, late sister, Beverly Jordan, sister, Earline Burns, brother, Harold (Ener) Wilbourn, brother, Michael Walton, brother, Herbert (Karen) Wilbourn and a host of nieces and nephews.

Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday July 26th at Hot Springs Funeral Home with Reverend Steve Lake officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry Jerri has left us. May God bless each family member and friend with peace.

*Jerri will be waiting for each of you in heaven's door way. Every time I went to visit I was always made welcome. One day Jerri took me to the living room to show me her beautiful daughter Cynthia's picture. She was proud of Cynthia. Her laughter now fills heaven. God Bless each of you. Margaret Elliott*

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**Margaret Elliott** - July 25, 2014 at 05:16 PM



“ SHINING STAR from ~Cindy & Lawrence Jones

*The angels looked down from heaven one night  
They searched for miles afar,  
And deep within the distance  
They could see a shining star.*

*They knew that very instant  
That the star was theirs to gain,  
So they took you up to heaven  
Forever to remain.*

*Look down on us from heaven  
Keep us free from hurt and pain,  
You'll always be within my heart  
Until we meet again.*

*Love you, Jerri!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*



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**Cindy Jones** - July 24, 2014 at 08:26 PM

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“ I'll never forget the day I met Mrs. Tolliver. It was in 2005 and we were immediate friends! She was certainly one of a kind. She was elegant, witty, concerned, motherly, opinionated, but most of all one of my best friends. She and Mr. Tolliver thought of myself and my 2 sons as their daughter and grandkids. The only problem was that we're white and she wasn't. That's what made her special.....he looked beyond color.

*She taught me how to like Soul Food; She threw some great neighborhood barbeques. On my way to work, she and Top Cat would have coffee waiting on me to sit and visit before going to work. She loved to laugh. When I think of her at this moment, part of me cries missing her and the other part laughs at some of her stories, jokes and expressions! She never held anything back, which was one of the things I loved about her. You never had to wonder what she was thinking whether you liked it or not :)*

*Rest in Love Mrs. T! Look forward to seeing you again one day!*

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**Lisa East** - July 24, 2014 at 01:27 PM