



## Geraldine Gieron Awalt

April 10, 1935 - May 26, 2020

### Tribute

Geraldine Gieron Awalt passed away peacefully on May 26, 2020, at Charlestown Senior Living Community, Baltimore, Maryland. “Jeri,” as she was known to most, was born on April 10, 1935, in Baltimore, Maryland. She was born at home in Canton on South Potomac Street. Jeri was the beloved wife of Dr. Lawrence “Larry” F. Awalt, Jr., her husband of 62 years and current resident of Charlestown. Jeri was a devoted mother of five children and a beloved grandmother to six grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

Jeri’s surviving children are Lawrence F. Awalt, III and wife Debbie, David Awalt, Gregory Awalt, Marijoel Awalt Verlich and husband Douglas, and Andrew Awalt and wife Brooke. Also surviving are Jeri’s loving sister, Dorothy “Dottie” Dabkowski of Colorado and sister-in-law Mary Gieron of Baltimore. One of six siblings, Jeri was preceded in death by sisters Gertrude Cullen, Katherine Anderson, Martha Christopher, and brother Lewis Gieron.

Jeri attended the Maryland State Teachers College at Towson, now Towson University, when it was a training school for teachers, Maryland’s first such school. She taught at both Holy Cross and St. Matthews Catholic Schools in Baltimore until having her second child. She also was a substitute teacher at St. Joseph’s Catholic School in Cockeysville, MD during the 1970s. A lover of history, Jeri also would volunteer at the Maryland Historical Society. For over a decade, she oversaw, as office manager, her husband’s cardiology practice, while raising five children.

Jeri and Larry loved to travel, going to many places including China, Russia, and many countries in Europe. Maryland was truly home, however, and Jeri loved all things Maryland including crabs, sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, and the old Baltimore Colts, Orioles, and Ravens. She was quite the “foodie” and loved to discuss different recipes and restaurants, especially old Baltimore ones like Haussner’s and many others. Jeri and Larry were long-time residents of Sherwood Forest in Annapolis where they could be close to the water and enjoy the beautiful, sylvan surroundings.

Jeri became known as “Momzie” once she became a grandmother in 1990. Momzie was

a devoted grandmother and her grandchildren were quite a priority in her life. She always eagerly anticipated annual family trips to the Delaware shore and to Ocean City where Candy Kitchen and seafood dinners at Phillips Crab House were her favorites.

Jeri's charismatic personality and loving, generous heart will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

"Mother, you left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, although we cannot see you, you're always at our side."

Due to the mandated restrictions related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, a private family service will be held at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens, Timonium, MD. A celebration of life event will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Heart Association or American Macular Degeneration Foundation in the name of Geraldine Gieron Awalt.

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