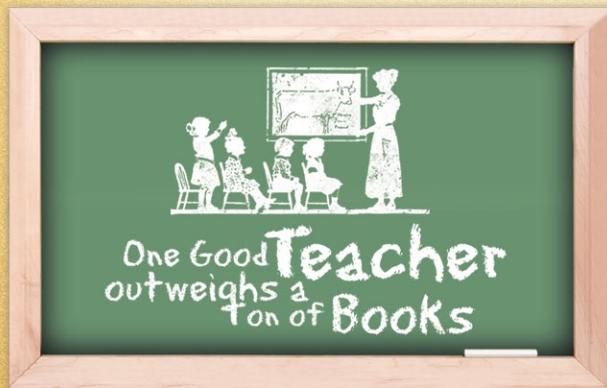


Don't think of her as gone away -
her **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of *warmth*
AND COMFORT
where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of her as living
In the *Hearts* of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And she was loved so much.
- Ellen Brenneman



To know you are with
us in our time of *Sorrow*

Sharing our prayers,
Today & tomorrow

God gives us comfort in the
form of family & friends.

May His peace be with you,
His *love* never ends.



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In Loving Memory of

Joy Ann Gaines

February 11, 1956 - January 31, 2025



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Joy Ann Gaines

Date of Birth
February 11, 1956

Date of Death
January 31, 2025

Funeral Services
11AM, Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home

Officiating
Rev. Thomas Moon

Interment
Coldwater Methodist Church Cemetery

Honor
Loving Memory

Ms. Joy Ann Gaines, passed away Friday, January 31, 2025 at the age of 68 of a sudden illness.

She was born in Elbert County, February 11, 1956 and was the daughter of the late Claude Ralph Gaines, Jr. and the late Mary Ann Hester Gaines.

Joy grew up in Dahlonega, GA and attended Lumpkin County Schools. She was the valedictorian of the 1974 graduating class at Lumpkin County High School. She received both her bachelors and masters degrees in Elementary Education at North Georgia College and taught kindergarten several years in the Lumpkin County Schools. She returned to Elbert County in the mid eighties and was a homemaker at the family farm.

Joy was a very talented pianist and in her early years assisted in playing at her church Coldwater Methodist. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law: Carol and Steven Maxwell of Dewy Rose and Lori and Joe Cronan of Dahlonega and by nieces: Anna Cronan of Dahlonega and Kelly Cronan of Dahlonega.

Contributions may be made in memory of Joy to Coldwater Methodist Church for the Cemetery Fund: address to Coldwater Methodist Church, c/o Lynn Pittman, 1753 Coldwater Rd, Elberton, GA, 30635.



A Teacher takes
a Hand,
Opens a MIND,
& Touches a heart

Therefore we are

always
confident

knowing that,
whilst we are at home in the body,
we are absent from the Lord.
(For we walk by faith & not by sight.)

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be

absent from the body:
and to be present with the Lord

Wherefore we labor that,
whether present or absent, we may be

accepted
of Him

- II Corinthians 5:6-9

Memories

