

***"I'll Fly Away"***

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away (In the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*When the shadows of this life have gone  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*I'll fly away, oh glory  
I'll fly away (In the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

*Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joy shall never end  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*



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*"JENNY"*

**JENNIFER LEE GAINES STRIPLING**

APRIL 25, 1962 — MAY 10, 2026

### Obituary

Mrs. Jennifer Lee "Jenny" Gaines Stripling, 64, of Holly, MI, formerly of Elberton, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Jenny was born in Elberton on April 25, 1962, daughter of the late Joe Wethrol Gaines and Shelby Jean Adams Gaines. She was a 1980 graduate of Elbert County High School where she excelled in softball. In her younger years, she enjoyed family vacations to Cherokee, NC. While in Elberton, Jenny worked at Dairy Queen and Sky City. She enjoyed camping, ATVing, and surrounding herself with people. She never missed an opportunity to send her nieces and nephews gifts, making each occasion a little special. Jenny was particularly fond of her four-legged companions, Shorty and Skip.

She is survived by her husband, George Thomas "Tommy" Stripling; and brothers: Ronnie Gaines of Dewy Rose, Mike and Betsy Gaines of Elberton, and Tim and Amanda Gaines of Elberton.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 17, from 3:00p.m. until 5:00p.m. at Berry Funeral Home.

Funeral services celebrating Jenny's life will be conducted on Monday, May 18, at 1:00p.m. in the Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home with the Rev. Kevin Vaughn officiating. She will be laid to rest beside her mother in the Concord United Methodist Church cemetery.

Flowers are accepted, and contributions may be made in her memory to Concord United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 2515 Harmony Road, Elberton, GA 30635.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [berryfh.com](http://berryfh.com).

### *"Let Me Go"*

When I come to the end of the road  
and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;  
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared,  
miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,  
and each must go it alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
miss me, but let me go.

-Christina Rossetti

Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton is respectfully in charge of arrangements.