



Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi

September 5, 1933 - July 20, 2019

Jewel was born September 5, 1933 in Russellville, AL to Walter and Blanche (Cofield) Mitchell. Jewel had four sisters, Faye, Emma, Dottie and Shirley and one brother, Buford. The Mitchell's were a hard working depression era family who taught their children the value of hard work, honesty and a strong belief in God in a strict, Southern Baptist tradition. This meant picking cotton, killing chickens, milking cows, tending a big garden and other daily chores such as fixing meals and cleaning house. These values shaped her for life.

Jewel came to Washington DC in 1951 to work in the typing pool in the Pentagon. She later was promoted to Secretary for the Army Officer in charge of overseas deployment and worked at the FAA as well. Upon her move to Washington she moved into Slaughter's Boarding House in DuPont Circle. This is where she met her future husband, Diano (Gus) and made many friends, some that have lasted a lifetime.

Jewel and Gus were married September 4, 1954 and moved to Alexandria and into their home in December 1958, where Jewel lived out her life. Jewel decided to be a stay at home mother, returning to work while Gina was in Middle School. She worked 18 years at Fort Belvoir as an Executive Secretary in the Center for Night Vision until her retirement in 1995. During this time, she was a very traditional 1950's wife, supporting her husband's career, fixing delicious meals everyday for the family and being active in the PTA, Good

Shepard Catholic Church, scouts and too many sports and school events to count.

Jewel and Gus loved to travel. As Gus was an airline employee they enjoyed wonderful vacations to many places in the United States and Europe. Jewel loved butterflies, owls, watching the birds in the bird feeder (especially hummingbirds) and flowers. She was often found working in her flower garden and making flower arrangements for everyone to enjoy in the home.

Upon retirement, Jewel and Gus continued to travel, often to Charlotte to visit Gina and her family and David in Tulsa, among other places. In 1996, they built a home in Tulsa. After the house was completed and Jewel was ready to pack up and move to the Sooner State, Gus decided they should stay "home" in Alexandria. Jewel decided to return to her Baptist roots and joined Plymouth Haven Baptist Church. They often attended Good Shepherd for Saturday evening mass followed by dinner with friends and Sunday morning Service at Plymouth Haven.

Her three children, David, Paul and Gina, six grandchildren, five step grandchildren, one great grandchild and 11 step great grandchildren survive Jewel. She was dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Gathering

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery
6600 South Kings Highway
Alexandria, VA 22306

Service

JUL **24.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Plymouth Haven Baptist Church
8523 Fort Hunt Rd
Alexandria, VA 22308

Tribute Wall



“ *Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *-Your SNAP Quality Control Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi.*



-Your SNAP Quality Control Family - July 24, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ *Carol Flynt lit a candle in memory of Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi*



Carol Flynt - July 24, 2019 at 12:09 PM



Gina, We here in the Development Office at the Diocese of Charlotte are all praying for you and you family. We hold you and your family up to our Lord and pray that you all are comforted knowing that you are loved and supported.

Carol Flynt - July 24, 2019 at 12:16 PM

CA

“ Cecilia A. Arreaza lit a candle in memory of Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi



Cecilia A. Arreaza - July 23, 2019 at 01:05 PM

RP

“ Ralph Perez lit a candle in memory of Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi



Ralph Perez - July 23, 2019 at 12:43 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Daigle lit a candle in memory of Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi



Jennifer Daigle - July 23, 2019 at 12:12 PM

JD

Thinking of you, Gina, and your beautiful family during this difficult time.

Jennifer Daigle - July 23, 2019 at 12:13 PM

CL

Gina, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you remember your mother.

Larry and Cathy LaRue

Cathy LaRue - July 23, 2019 at 10:02 PM

GB

“*Gayla & Kevin Benton lit a candle in memory of Jewel Dean Mitchell Giustozzi*



Gayla & Kevin Benton - July 22, 2019 at 05:09 PM