

Geraldine J. McLaughlin, 94 of Alpha, Illinois passed away Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Genesis Clarissa C. Cook Hospice Home in Bettendorf, Iowa.

She was born February 10, 1928 in Oneida, IL to Clifford and Myrtle Murry Steward. She graduated from Walnut Grove Twsp. High School and attended Business College in Omaha, NE. She married Russell Atchison in 1951. He passed away in 1973. She later married Charles E. McLaughlin on January 5, 1974 in Princeville, IL.

Geri was employed as a bookkeeper at the Jerseyville Coop and later the Woodhull Coop for many years, retiring in 1974. Her memberships include the Alpha United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting and playing golf.

Survivors include her husband Charles McLaughlin of Alpha, IL; 2 sons, Mark Atchison and Kelly (Trudy) Atchison both of Alpha, IL; 5 stepchildren, Marcia (Randy) Cowser of Carterville, IL, Janice Edmund, Beverly Brown both of Evansville, IN, Darcy (Scott) Swigart of Missouri Valley, IA, Chuck (Deb) McLaughlin of Alpha, IL; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

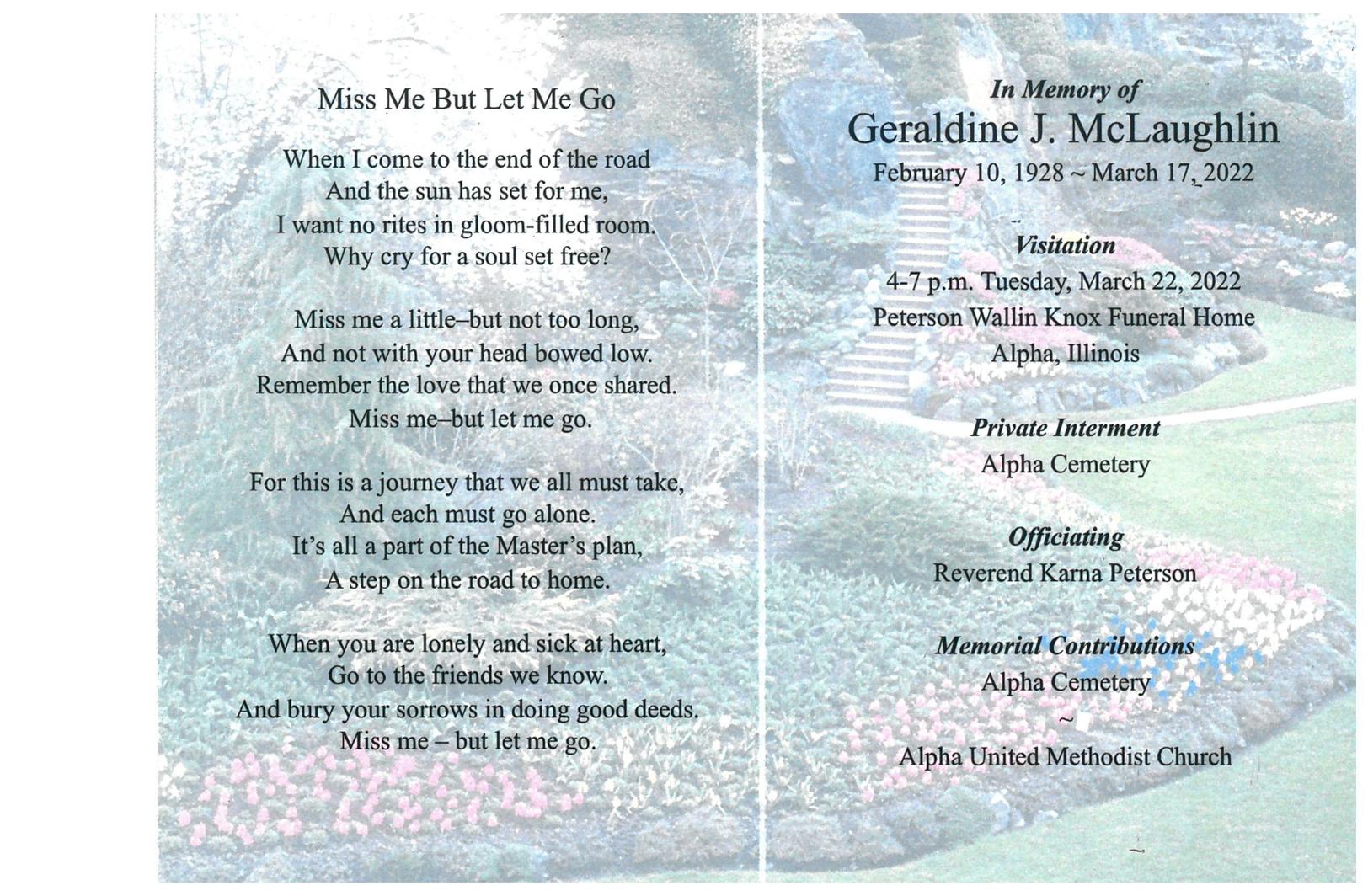
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Russ Atchison; daughter-in-law, Marcia Atchison; 2 sons-in-law, Steve Edmund and Jeff Brown; 1 grandson, Trevor Atchison; 3 brothers, Herschel, Rolland and Gene Steward.



In Memory of

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Miss Me But Let Me Go

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

Miss me a little—but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared.
Miss me—but let me go.

For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a 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.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me – but let me go.

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Visitation

4-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Peterson Wallin Knox Funeral Home
Alpha, Illinois

Private Interment

Alpha Cemetery

Officiating

Reverend Karna Peterson

Memorial Contributions

Alpha Cemetery

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Alpha United Methodist Church