



## Jerolene McDonald Pincham

March 26, 1936 - August 6, 2025

### Life's Journey

Jerolene (Jeri) McDonald Pincham was born March 26, 1936, to Mr. Charlie McDonald and Mrs. Alberta Clinton McDonald—the oldest of four daughters born to this union.

A 1954 graduate of Elizabeth Heights High School in Great Falls, SC, Jeri was quiet and loving growing up. She worked at National Orthopedic Hospital and The Hecht's Company when she relocated to Arlington, VA. Jeri loved children and spent 25 years working in the Alexandria Public School system as a lunchroom aide and later, a teacher's aide. At the time of her retirement, Jeri worked with emotionally disabled children.

In 1961, the former Jeri McDonald married the love of her life and best friend, Mr. Leslie R. Pincham, Sr. and was a devoted mother to their three children—Ray, Todd, and Bari. To know Jeri was to know that she was godly proud of her children.

With that warm, radiant smile that could light up any room, Jeri cherished her family, friends, and church family. A firm believer that “family is family” Jeri's love extended to her nieces and nephews as a mother. In fact, family remained the center of Jeri's existence.

Outside the love she had for her family, she also cherished her relationship with her own group of friends called the “Rat Pack” including Charles and Idella Bynum, Louis and Marie Gee, Mark and Julia James, Wilbert and the late Carol Briggs, and the late Dennis and Jeanette Leigh. She also treasured her time and love with her bonus sisters Idella Bynum, Annie Carter, and Shirley Sanders.

Jeri’s faith journey began at Paradise A.M.E. Zion Church (Great Falls, SC) where she was baptized. Later she joined her mother at Lomax African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (Arlington, VA) where she was an active, faithful member for more than 70 years. A natural leader, Jeri was appointed a Class Leader by the late Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr. Around 2004, the late Rev. Dr. Cameron W. Jackson named her Leader of Leaders—a position that she maintained for over 36 years retiring in February 2025. Consecrated a Deaconess by the late Bishop Louis Hunter, Sr., Jeri took her vows seriously and served the Lord’s church for more than 30 years. Beloved in Lomax, Jeri was a dutiful member of the Lay Council, the Parent Body of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society (WHOMS), Senior Ministry, Senior Choir, Couples Ministry, and Combined Choirs. She was an early supporter and volunteer for Sisters Providing Information and Christian Encouragement (SPICE)—a educational and mentoring program for young girls established at Lomax.

Jeri enjoyed dancing, poetry, shopping, and the arts. She loved family and Christmas gatherings. Jeri attended just about every special occasion. She loved planting and harvesting her vegetable gardening (i.e. okra, string beans, tomato, cucumbers, peppers, and more). Two of her favorite entrees were a juicy hamburger and seafood. Jeri was as stylish lady who kept up with the latest fashions. She loved her family deeply; and most important she loved God.

Jeri completed her earthly journey and returned to her Heavenly Father on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Southern Maryland Medstar Hospital. She is predeceased by her parents, sisters Ruby Brandon, Ruth King and Charli J. Johnson, and daughter, Bari D. Crawford.

While Jeri's family, extended family and friends were saddened by her sudden and unexpected transition and carry a hole in their hearts, by faith we stand on 2 Corinthians 5:8 "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Forever to cherish fond memories of Jeri are her husband of sixty-four years, Leslie R. Pincham Sr.; children: L. Ray (Denise) Pincham, Jr. (Brandywine, MD) and Todd A. (Lisa Michele) Pincham (Upper Marlboro, MD); Sister-in-laws: Jackie Reece, Joanne (James) Sibert and Melvia Hudson; Son in law: George Crawford; grandchildren Charli Crawford, Andrew Pincham, Daniel Crawford, William Crawford, Maya Pincham, and Tyrus Pincham; and great-grandchildren Ave Rae, Elijah, Jacob, Judah, and Karlie.

Jeri is deeply missed by her family, church family, extended family and a host of relatives, friends.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lomax AME Zion  
2704 S.24th Road  
Arlington, VA 22206

## Funeral Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Lomax AME Zion  
2704 S.24th Road  
Arlington, VA 22206

## Interment

SEP **9**. 1:45 PM (ET)

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery  
11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham , MD 20623  
<https://veterans.maryland.gov/cemetery-and-memorial-program/>

# Tribute Wall

TO

“ I miss you 🙏

Toya - September 02, 2025 at 06:35 PM

EC

“ Though I met Cousin Jerolene only through family Zoom calls held during Covid, her warm, caring, and lovely personality shone through so much that I felt like I met her in person. I live in California; and it's at times like these I wish I lived closer. I send much love to all her family and friends who miss her deeply. Deepest condolences 🙏. Cousin Esther Chambers



Esther Chambers - August 30, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerolene McDonald Pincham.



August 28, 2025 at 05:44 PM

DC

“ Dwayne C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerolene McDonald Pincham.

Dwayne C. - August 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM

AW

“ *Angela W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerolene McDonald Pincham.*

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**Angela W.** - August 26, 2025 at 02:49 PM

EG

“ *My heart goes out to the family of Jeri. She was my class leader when I became a member of Lomax AMEZ after moving to Northern Virginia in the early 80's. We laughed and said that her assignment as my leader was part of God's divine providence when we found out that we were both born in Chester County, S.C. Over the years, we kept in touch by phone and about 10 years ago, I surprised her when I visited Lomax for Sunday worship. It was a blessing to see her beautiful face and feel the touch of wonderful spirit in person. God gave me a chance to thank her for role as my class leader for years I worshipped at Lomax. I told expressed to her the tremendous impact that she has had in my life, even to the present. Blessings and Peace to all of her loved ones. My heart is filled with the joy of having known Jeri and thank you for sharing her life with me. Eular Murray Gibbs*

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**Eular Murray Gibbs** - August 17, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - August 13, 2025 at 04:58 PM