



## Dr. Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner Ph.D.

January 9, 1966 - August 16, 2024

WILLIAMS-FINNER, Dr. Jeri-Lynn, Age 58, passed away Friday, August 16, 2024. at Trinity Select Care.

Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Funeral Home 10 :00 AM Wednesday. Dr.. Williams-Finner will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM-6:00 PM Tuesday, with family present to receive friends from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM.

Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner age 58, a resident of Southfield, Michigan passed away Friday August 16, 2024, at Select Specialty Care Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Jeri Lynn was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 9, 1966, to Jerome and Betty Wilborn. Since infancy she developed a close relationship with her Grandmother Lola Luster Lee who had a strong faith in God. Jeri-Lynn accepted Jesus as her personal savior and was baptized at Hartford Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Jeri-Lynn always expressed a great love and appreciation for her grandmother and the rest of her family.

Jeri graduated from Powers High School in 1984. She played clarinet in the high school band, member of the debate team, and played on the girls' basketball team. After high school, she continued her education and earned a BA, MBA, master's degree (MA) in Education and a Doctor of Education (Ed.

D) and other significant certifications. After graduating from college she moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she developed a successful career history as a senior training analyst and has worked in the legal, educational and business industries.

For relaxation, Jeri-Lynn enjoyed hobbies of arts and crafts, community activities, spending time on the beach and enjoying the beauties of nature. Until her passing, she was president of the Detroit Idlewilder Club, a historic organization.

After a successful career in Philadelphia, Jeri-Lynn returned home to Michigan where she met and married Wayne Finner of Detroit, Michigan on July 7, 2013. Although they had no children, Jeri Lynn had a love for children and always developed a close attachment to the children of her friends and family. When she was a young single adult, she became a god-mother to an infant of a friend and that infant has maintained contact with her throughout college to the present. She has a very close relationship with her cousin Stephanie and they describe themselves as sisters and Stephanie's children see Jeri Lynn as an aunt rather than a second cousin.

Mrs. Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner leaves to cherish her memory: Her husband, Wayne N. Finner; mother, Dr. Betty J. Lee, Ph.D., of Grand Blanc, MI; aunts, Rosetta Luster of Kennesaw, GA and Arnetta Newton of Chicago, IL; uncle and aunt, John and Maso Demps of Grand Blanc, MI; special cousins, Stephanie, Janet Trinity, JonPaul and Summer Demps, of Farmington Hills, MI; a host other relatives and in-laws. Although Jeri-Lynn is gone from our presence, she will live forever in our hearts and our memories.

Jeri-Lynn was preceded in death by her father, Jerome Wilborn; grandmother, Lola Luster Lee; uncles, Dr. Charles R. Lee and Anderson Topps.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**AUG 27.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
[lemoonfhflint@gmail.com](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

**AUG 27.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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**AUG 28.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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**AUG 28.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner Ph.D.*



**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - August 28, 2024 at 12:40 PM

MD

*My Condolences To The Entire Family. I Will Keep Them In My Prayers. Mary And Napoleon Demps 🙏🙏🙏*

**Mary Demps** - August 28, 2024 at 10:42 AM

MD

*Our Condolences To The Entire Family. Keeping All Of You In Our Prayers. 🙏🙏🙏*

*Mary/Napoleon Demps Jr.*

**Mary Demps** - August 28, 2024 at 10:51 AM

ME

*Unfortunately, I just learned of JL's passing. That's what we called her at VZW. We found out we were both from Flint and became fast friends. We kept in touch for a while until life took over. Continued prayers to the entire family.*

**Melodie** - March 13, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CB

“ I grew up with Jeri-Lynn met her when she would stay with her Grandmother on Mildred Street. Back then your neighborhood friends were your family. We had alot of fun back in those days. Sending prayers of comfort and strength to the family and friends. Rest peacefully Jeri-Lynn. Your old friend Renee



Crystal Beverly-Fielder - September 03, 2024 at 07:40 AM

WM

“ With Love, VerShaun, Thelma & Montiel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner Ph.D..

With Love, VerShaun, Thelma & Montiel - August 27, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner Ph.D..



August 27, 2024 at 03:49 PM

RT

“ Rose Topps lit a candle in memory of Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner



Rose Topps - August 24, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ I met this Beautiful Lady 35 years ago and it was an immediate friendship! She and I has shared so many laughs and good times that I can't even count if I tried! I find it so hard to know that my friend is gone home to our Heavenly Father but I'm comforted to know that I will see her again!



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**Elaine Beck** - August 24, 2024 at 12:31 PM

VT

“ I am praying for my family and Jeri's husband during this difficult time. We have had our share of unexpected loss. This is definitely one of them. May God continue to bless us all.



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**Vatina Topps-Reynolds** - August 23, 2024 at 12:06 AM

NZ

“ Dear Wayne, Family & Friends,

*Though we did not know Jeri,-Lyn, we know Wayne and the important role he played in our lives. We are so sorry for your loss. She looked like an amazing woman and we wished we had met her before leaving Detroit.*

*Our sincerest condolences,*

*Daniel & Nicole Zurschmiede*

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**Nicole Zurschmiede** - August 20, 2024 at 04:42 PM

DZ

“ *Daniel & Nicole Zurschmiede purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Jeri-Lynn Williams-Finner Ph.D..*



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**Daniel & Nicole Zurschmiede** - August 20, 2024 at 04:36 PM