

GERI MILLS

Geri Grogan Mills was born on October 1, 1949, to Roy and Vada Grogan, and spent her childhood years in the Ellington, Missouri, area, where she graduated from the Ellington School District. Geri has an older sister, Jo Ann Gore, and an older brother, Leon Grogan. While Leon was in the military, he introduced an Army buddy, Jim Mills, from the neighboring community of Lesterville, to Geri. It wasn't long before Jim asked Geri to become his wife.

Geri and Jim soon started a family while living in the community of Ellington. Their son, the late Barry Mills, was their first child, but was soon joined by his little sister, Penny! Geri and her family lived for a few years in Lamar, before returning to their nearby hometown area to the town of Annapolis, where the Mills' have made their home since 1979. Penny and their son-in-law, Jason McMurry, have given Geri and Jim two beautiful grandchildren, Taylor and Champ.

During her 20-year employment with ISP Minerals, Inc. (SGI), Geri became a very active member of the South Iron Community Betterment Association. After her retirement in January, 2000, she accepted the position of President of this local CBA organization and has retained the office down through the years. During her tenure as President, Geri has spearheaded the following projects for her Annapolis Community:

- Outdoor pavilion at the community center
- Erection of the gazebo on the community center grounds
- Pocket Park and Historical Medicine Springs Gazebo
- Community Library/Medical Center Complex
- Freedom Park Playground
- Air Evac Helicopter Pad
- Riggs Lane Walking Trail
- Painting of Murals at Freedom Park/Ambulance Building Area
- Remodeling of Community Center
- Purchasing of City Christmas Decorations
- Purchasing of Pole Banners for City