



Mrs. Gayle Paulson

September 4, 1941 - January 16, 2020

Mrs. Cecelia Gayle Paulson, age 78, of Valley, AL died Thursday, January 16, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. Paulson was born in Gaffney, SC to the late William Edgar and Lola Mae Turney Mann. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Commerce and a retired educator. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Paulson was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Donald N. Paulson; and brother, Eddie Mann, Jr.

Mrs. Paulson is survived by her sons, Michael Paulson of Valley, AL and Chris Paulson of Athens; brothers, Bennie Mann of Loganville and Ray Mann of Jacksonville, NC; grandsons, Michael Keith Paulson and William Lee Paulson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 PM, Monday, January 20 at the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Dr. Carlton Allen officiating. Interment will follow in Grey Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from noon until 2 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Commerce, 1345 South Elm Street, Commerce, GA 30529.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery

Grey Hill Cemetery

Clayton St.

Commerce, GA, 30529

Events

JAN **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Little-Ward Funeral Home

115 State Street, Commerce, GA, US, 30529

JAN **Service** 02:00PM

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Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home

115 State St., Commerce, GA, US, 30529

Comments



“ When I began in the ministry many years ago, we had the privilege of serving with Don and Gayle at FBC Roanoke and later when we returned from the Mission Field, we served with them at FBC Commerce. They were mentors to us as we began our ministry and remained encouragers and prayers supporters. They were also dear friends. Our children called them "Aunt Gayle" and "Uncle Don." That is the kind of impact they had on our family. When we moved to Commerce, they graciously shared their home with us until we could get settled. In the early days of our ministry, they also shared their family with us. We loved getting to know the then teens: Chris and Michael. Gayle had such a giving spirit, welcomed all into her home and at her table, and had a contagious smile and laugh. I know they will be bright lights in Heaven and when I think of how many lives they had a positive and life-changing impact on, it staggers the mind. We are better off for their being in our lives and I could never repay what they did for us nor did they expect it. They lived to serve God and love others. We were blessed by them and by knowing them. Gayle, you will be missed by many. Thank you for blessing us.

Gregory K Whitlock - January 21 at 02:32 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gayle Paulson.



January 18 at 02:56 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gayle Paulson.



January 18 at 02:49 PM



“ Dearest Gayle,

You sounded stronger and more vibrant over the phone when we spoke last week, so it was quite a shock to learn that you were gone. I will miss you. Admittedly, I was angry that you left so quickly. I truly believe that, had you gotten the attention you deserved, you would have had more time with us.

You referred to me as your soul mate which I always felt to be an odd reference. I now see that you needed a soul with whom to share your innermost thoughts; the thoughts that you reserved to protect yourself and others; those thoughts that, if expressed, may hurt feelings or wear upon a relationship. You expected a great deal from me in this arrangement and, at times, it got the better of me.

You never met a stranger, were never at loss for words – although in the last few years you struggled for the breath to speak – and never gave a thought to yourself when giving to others. Gayle, you always gave more than you had! Why wouldn't you listen?

Soon I hope to revisit memories of our joyous times together and lay those aside that cast shadows. For now, I grieve and ponder: could I have done more for you; could I have given you more comfort; could I have been a better soul mate?

I love you,

Rosemary

Rosemary - January 18 at 12:50 PM



“ I will always remember Gayle as so full of life that it bubbled over onto anyone in her path! She and Don were good friends for years beginning with connections in the Navy and the ministry. Gayle, you've been a steadfast friend and companion to Mom and Dad through thick and thin. Bon voyage. We will miss you!

John Fite - January 17 at 09:50 PM



“ Precious Gayle, The thought of your not being with us is just surreal! You had a heart as big as the Grand Canyon! You were love personified with a little sassy on the side! I loved you beyond words! How your Uncle Jack and Aunt Ruby dearly loved you as well. You taught me a lot, sweet lady! Wow, I am going to miss our talks! You were just so much fun to be with. We will reunite in Heaven dancing on those streets of gold. I know that you are breathin' easy now! I love you sweet one! More than you know! You will be so much missed!! You're the best!!!

Marilyn Turney - January 17 at 04:43 PM



“ We first met Gayle as customers of hers at a men's store in Commerce. She wanted us to see photos of her grandchildren. Funny thing, we already knew them. We had known their Mom all her life. We always enjoyed seeing Gayle at parties and dinners for her grandchildren. We are so sorry her family is experiencing her loss. The Rowes

RonnieFran Rowe - January 18 at 03:33 PM