



Mrs. Sara Jo Gailey Hill

February 18, 1933 - January 8, 2026

Mrs. Sara Jo “Mama Jo” Gailey Hill, age 92, of Commerce, GA died Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Brown’s Health and Rehab.

A native of Jackson County, she was born in Commerce to the late Frank T. and Ruby Langston Gailey.

She was a graduate of Commerce High School. After graduation she went to Washington, DC to work for the FBI reading fingerprints. The evils of the big city scared this little country girl so she gave up that amazing job and returned home.

It was then she met Winston Hill, fresh out of the Army. They were married and raised four children in Commerce.

As the children got older, she took a job as Office Manager at B&W Gas Company where she worked many years. Then she went to work as Office Manager at WJJC Radio Station. This is where she got the name “Mama Jo”. A lot of younger people hung out at the radio station, and she treated them like she did her children, so they called her “Mama Jo”. She worked at the radio station until her retirement.

After Mr. Hill passed away, she traveled all over the United States. Her goal

was to visit all 50 states and Canada, and she did!!

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her son, Gerald Winston "Bubba" Hill; and brothers, Travis Gailey, Jerry Gailey and Charles Gailey.

Mrs. Hill is survived by her daughters, Gail Hill Murray of Soperton and Sharon Swaim of Danielsville; son, Terry Joe Hill of Commerce; 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 2 PM, Sunday, January 11 at the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Dr. Ray Richardson and Rev. Verlin Reece officiating. A private interment will be held Monday. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday from 1 to 2 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, American Heart Association or Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State Street
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-3175
lwfh@windstream.net
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home
115 State St.
Commerce, GA 30529

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Jey And Berenice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sara Jo Gailey Hill



Jey and Berenice - January 14 at 06:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sara Jo Gailey Hill.



January 10 at 01:38 PM



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January 10 at 11:20 AM

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“ The Hilands Todd, Debra and Dex planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sara Jo Gailey Hill.

The Hilands Todd, Debra and Dex - January 10 at 11:20 AM

KC

“ 20 files added to the tribute wall



Kelli Hill Cook - January 10 at 10:38 AM

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“ From The Family of Lera Clymer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Sara Jo Gailey Hill.



From The Family of Lera Clymer - January 09 at 09:10 PM

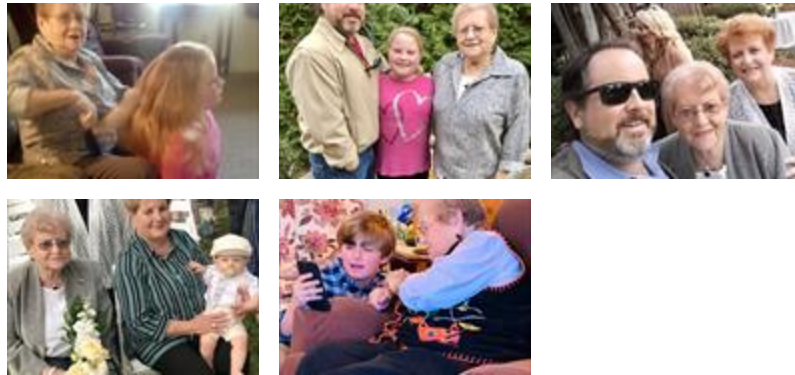
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Chad Murray - January 09 at 07:30 PM

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“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Chad Murray - January 09 at 07:21 PM



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