



Mildred Gayle Knight

August 30, 1942 - October 24, 2016

Obituary for Gayle Knight

Mildred Gayle Carter Knight, 74 of Laurel passed away on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home from 5-9pm. Funeral Service will be at First Baptist Church of Laurel on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 2:30pm. Burial will follow at Big Creek Cemetery on Hwy 84 West. Brother Randy Turner will officiate.

Gayle was born on August, 30, 1942, in Jackson County, MS and grew up in the Wade Community where she was a member of Caswell Springs Methodist Church. She graduated with honors from East Central High School then attended Perkinson Junior College and received her BS Degree in Science and Physical Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. During her teaching career, Gayle taught at St. Martin, Calhoun Elementary, West Jones High School and West Jones Elementary. Along with teaching Science and Physical Education, she was a dedicated basketball and tennis coach. Gayle "Coach" Knight was loved and admired by all of her students. She loved her students and enjoyed watching them grow up. Gayle was a member of First Baptist Church of Laurel where she attended and loved Dr. Waites Sunday School Class. Gayle loved her children and grandchildren and enjoyed spending every minute with them. She will be missed by all of her loved ones.

Gayle was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Donice V. Knight,

her parents, Milton Woodrow Carter and Mildred Lucille Boutwell Carter of Wade, MS. Her brother Milton Larry Carter of Wade. Her grandparents Jack and Loula Carter of Wade, MS and Daniel and Lou Ella Jenkins Boutwell of Myrick, MS.

She is survived by their three children and three grandchildren. Her children are Kim Knight of Laurel, Donna Knight Polson (David) of Haymarket, VA, and Shelly Knight Bryant of Laurel. Her grandchildren are Katie Lee Parker McMillan (Chase), Lyndsey Danielle Bryant and Matt Knight Parker, all of Laurel. She is also survived by her sister, Brenda Carter Pierce (Ronnie) and several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Matt Parker, David Polson, Chase McMillan, John Parker, Ronnie Pierce, Mike Lightsey, Byron Pierce.

Memory Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Big Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

8 Big Creek Church Rd.
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

Service

OCT **27**. 2:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Laurel
607 West 5th Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall



“ *With Deepest Sympathy Benny & Gail Lassitter*

Sabrina Riley - October 27, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *with deepest sympathy. Joan & & Tommy Smith*

Sabrina Riley - October 27, 2016 at 04:47 PM

SW

“ *Kim, Donna and Shelly,
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Gayle.
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Barbara and Fred Wansley
Shawn Wansley*

Shawn Wansley - October 27, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Mildred Gayle Knight.*



October 26, 2016 at 03:42 PM

AB

“ *Gayle was a sweet, kind lady who loved her family very much. She
was always friendly with everyone.
Praying for God's comfort and peace during these days. So sorry for
your loss.*

Any Busby - October 26, 2016 at 01:59 PM

JS

“ Km, Donna, Shelly and families: we are so sorry that we will not be in town for your Mom's service. You are in our prayers. Love , Jim and Jeanette Stricklin

James Stricklin - October 26, 2016 at 01:29 PM

JA

“ Hey dear sister...I know you are more alive and with us than ever. I love you and will always miss you.
Jackie

Jackie - October 26, 2016 at 01:08 PM

MT

“ So sorry to read of Gayle's death. She was such a vivacious person, always smiling and full of life. Your family is in our thoughts.
Sincerely, Martha and Terrell Tisdale

Martha and Terrell Tisdale - October 26, 2016 at 08:28 AM

FM

“ My condolences to the Gayle Knight family from the girls basketball teams, track teams, and Biology classes from 1966-1969 of Northwest Jones High School. Coach Knight was a wonderful influence on many young ladies in the classroom and on the basketball court. I will never forget how tough she was when we were practicing for Coach D. Knight's team. What a legacy Coach Knight leaves behind ! I know she is in a better place and will see her again one day. Thanks for all you taught us.

Freida Jefcoat Merchant

Freida Merchant - October 25, 2016 at 10:10 PM