



Mrs. Lynda Gayle Gilstrap

July 19, 1949 - April 7, 2022

Liberty, SC - Mrs. Lynda Gayle Gilstrap, 72, loving wife of Kenneth W. Gilstrap, of Liberty, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2022 at her home.

Gayle was born in Greenville County on July 19, 1949 to the late Calvin Duncan and Mildred Galloway. She was a dedicated wife and mother who was always looking to serve her family and others. Unwavering in love, she was known for her cooking, warm hugs, and fiery spirit. Dressed to impress, she always brought gifts and home cooked meals as a sign of her love.

Most importantly, Gayle was a devoted member of Flat Rock Baptist Church. As a long-standing member, she loved serving the congregation and welcoming new members. Gayle was retired from the State of South Carolina and continued volunteer work through her church and community. She was an advocate for community emergency preparedness and the Battered Women's Shelter of the upstate.

Mrs. Gilstrap is survived by husband: Kenneth W.

Gilstrap; her daughter: Shannon D. Broom (Shannon) of Pickens; two grandchildren: Anaston Porter (Isaac) and Abigail Broom; and three sisters and one brother: Pat Townsend, Carolyn Dodson (Phillip), Sherri Duncan, and Ronnie Duncan.

The family will have a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers and food, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Flat Rock Baptist Church: 115 Slab Bridge Rd., Liberty, SC 29657.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Gayle was my Aunt. When my mother was pregnant, Gayle wanted my mother to have a girl (our family is all boys) so bad so that her daughter Shannon would have a girl cousin to grow up with. But my mother had me (a boy) and named me Darryl. Funny thing is Gayle called me Darlene my whole life because she wanted me to be born a girl. She teased me with that name as a child and I would get angry at her. As I grew older I adored it and it would make me smile and warm my heart every time I heard her call me Darlene. Then came the best hug from her. She really was funny, kind, understanding and always gave great hugs. She let you know that you are loved. Till we meet again. Your nephew "Darlene "*

Darryl Evans - April 09, 2022 at 01:54 AM

DI

I remember meeting Gayle after my husband hired her to work for DHEC in Pickens. She was a very loving person. Always wanting to help you with what ever ever you needed to be done. She had a smile on her and hug waiting for you all the time. Will miss you Gayle till we meet in heaven. Love and prayers to family. May God comfort you in your time of need. Love Dianne Harper

Dianne - April 09, 2022 at 08:03 AM

SL

I'm so in shock and so sad of Gayle's passing! I have been doing Gayle's hair for a long time. I will definitely miss that warm welcome and big hug. She was just in my shop Tuesday never thought that would be the last time I would see that precious lady. My heart is broken. Gayle you will be missed! Love you! Sherri LaVecchia

Sherri LaVecchia - April 09, 2022 at 03:07 PM

BC

Sorry to hear about Gale. We had some good talks over the years. She was always up beat. It's been a good long while. Since We got to talk. Ken, I know you will miss her.RIP Gale till we meet again. Brenda Clardy

Brenda Clardy - April 10, 2022 at 12:48 AM

AN

Wonderful neighbor friend who the whole neighborhood loved respected and will miss. How we miss those who pass as they were loving and full of life and only gave their best. May God give you that you need the most as we grieve. Rest in Christ Jesus till we meet again. Ann & James Nicholson

Ann Nicholson - April 13, 2022 at 12:48 PM