



Gaye Watson

June 21, 1934 - December 4, 2025

Gaye Fudge Watson, 91, of Fayetteville, peacefully passed away Thursday, December 4, 2025, at home. She was born Thursday, June 21, 1934, in Melbourne, Arkansas; to Clarence Elmer and Ella Mae Harvelle Fudge.

Gaye married Bill Watson on May 31, 1950 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Together they were parents to Mari Gillham, Huntsville, Jennifer Hanson (Brad), Pittsburg, Kansas, and Mark Watson. She graduated with a BSE from Arkansas State College (now ASU), then continued her education at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where she received her M. Ed. She retired from Pulaski County Special School District after completing 33 years of teaching. Gaye was a member of Sequoyah United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, and enjoyed her family, gardening, reading, and supporting the Razorbacks.

Gaye was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, son-in-law, Richard Gillham and great grandson, Jack Gillham.

She is survived by her daughters Mari and Jennifer, four grandchildren Matt Gillham (Haley), Adam Hanson (Sara), Abby Graham (Spencer), and Ali Hanson. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren Briley, Whitley, and Kinsley Hanson, Gabby and Cannon Gillham, Harlow and Hattie Graham, and Layne Hanson.

The family will receive friends 4:30 PM-6:00 PM, Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Sequoyah United Methodist Church. Graveside Service will be 11:00 AM, Friday, December 12, 2025, at Crestlawn Memorial Park in Conway, Arkansas with Sara Pair officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Gaye's name may be made to Sequoyah United Methodist Church, 1910 N. Old Wire Road, Fayetteville, AR, 72703.

Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Cemetery Details

Crestlawn Memorial Park

472 US-64
Conway, AR 72732
<https://www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/default2-cemeteries.asp?locid=41>

Previous Events

Receive Friends

DEC 11. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ She lived across the street from my family in Catherine's Place in Conway, AR. She was the best, most informative, and sweetest neighbor. I really enjoyed our conversations. She always did things for our children. We were really sad to see her move to NWA. We often think of her. You all are definitely in our prayers.

Natasha Maltbia - December 17, 2025 at 10:05 AM

SB

“ Sean, Stephanie and the boys purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gaye Watson.



Sean, Stephanie and the boys - December 06, 2025 at 09:02 PM

JF

“ Jesica Castro and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gaye Watson.

Jesica Castro and family - December 06, 2025 at 05:58 PM

JF

“ Jesica Castro and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gaye Watson.



Jesica Castro and family - December 06, 2025 at 05:58 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. Know she is well again and in God's loving arms.

Dorothy Dyer - December 06, 2025 at 10:07 AM