



## Gayle Davis

April 19, 1948 - May 14, 2020

On Thursday, May 14th, Linda Gayle Davis, loving wife, mother, and Nana, passed away peacefully, ending her long battle with breast cancer. She died as she lived, surrounded by the family she loved.

Gayle was born on April 19, 1948. She married her husband of 50 years, Steve Davis, on June 22, 1969 and on that day, she became daughter-in-law and in heart to Marcus and Essie Davis, who loved her as their own and preceded her in death.

Gayle was known for her loving heart, her kind words, and her sweet smile. She loved to travel and she had adventures everywhere from Disney World to Germany, always with her family, her greatest of many joys in life. Though she had no lack of it in her own life, she multiplied that joy exponentially by delighting in the happiness and successes of all those around her. Her selfless nature knew no boundaries between your joy and her own. If you knew Gayle, you knew the unconditional kindness of a woman who would make four trays of dressing for Thanksgiving and drive two of them three states north for you. If you knew Gayle, you knew the unconditional acceptance of a woman who would call you baby and treat you like her own child. If you knew Gayle, you knew the unconditional love of a woman whose only request in her last days was to have her hand held by her family. She was a source of light and hope to those who, like her, were battling cancer. Though her battle was long, her attitude and faith never wavered, and this optimism was a testimony to both those who shared her battle and those

who witnessed it.

In addition to her devoted husband Steve, of Pinson, she is survived by her son Michael Davis and wife Laura of Kimberly, and her daughter Tara Cole and husband Jeff of Trussville, as well as her grandchildren Blake Cole, Annaleigh Cole, Haley Campbell (Cody), Allie Nix (Michael), Mollie Edwards (Cody), Brittany Melvin (Patrick), Skye Tharp (Caleb), Matthew, Isabella, and Slade. She is also survived by numerous great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 2pm to 3pm with a service directly following at Deerfoot Funeral Home on 5360 Deerfoot Parkway in Trussville, AL 35173.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home  
5360 Deerfoot Parkway PO Box 118  
Trussville, AL 35173

## Memorial Service

JUN 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gayle Davis*



**Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home** - June 03, 2020 at 05:43 PM

PC

*Thank you so much for this video. Gayle was a beautiful person. After 40 years the Navy friends were able to get together. We are a special family now and we are going to miss one of our family. Our deepest sympathy to all of Gayle's Family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. All our love Pam and Larry Craig and Family.*

**Pam n Larry Craig** - June 05, 2020 at 10:01 AM

RB

*It is a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady and loving friend. We will all miss her until we meet again in Heaven. She will always be remembered as a loving caring person and once you met her you loved her and it was a forever friend gift from heaven. she will always be in our heart and her family right beside of her. She gave us an opportunity to be loved and to love one another. We are so thankful for her presence in our lives since we met in 1969 and for getting back together in 2015 at our first USS Putnam reunion. We will always be so thankful. Thanks Tara for this beautiful tribute to your sweet mother. Someday we will all waltz across heaven together. Oh what a time that will be. Our prayers are for strength and peace knowing that God had her hand as He led her to her mansion beside the streets of gold with her perfect body and that sweet smile looking down on us all. We Will see her again, praise God. Marti and I are so blessed and thank God that He allowed our paths to cross those many years ago.*

**Ronald V. Blair** - June 05, 2020 at 12:21 PM

DC

“ Although we could not be with you today as you celebrate the life of Gayle, we are with you in spirit and join in remembering her laugh, her devotion to family and friends, and her unshakeable faith.

*USS Putnam Navy Group  
Tommy Adams, Bob and Brenda Ballard, Ronnie and Marti Blair,  
Larry and Pam Craig, Garry and Dale Crowell, Bill Fannin, Aaron  
Fields, Dale and Debra Handorf, Tim and Bridgett Murray, Millard  
and Susan Stone, Sheila Valentine*

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**Dale Crowell** - June 06, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gayle Davis.



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June 04, 2020 at 05:53 PM

DH

“ Debbie, Conrad, Vicki, Bobby, April, Jeff & Hadley purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Gayle Davis.



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**Debbie, Conrad, Vicki, Bobby, April, Jeff & Hadley** - June 04, 2020 at 10:14 AM

UL

“ *Uncle Kenneth, Aunt Martha and Leslie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gayle Davis.*



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**Uncle Kenneth, Aunt Martha and Leslie** - June 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *84 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home** - June 02, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayle Davis.*



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May 29, 2020 at 08:48 AM

CC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Gayle's passing. May God comfort you and your family.

*Gayle left a wonderful testimony.*

*Your's in Christ;  
Doyle and Cyndi Creel*

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**Cyndi Creel** - May 26, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gayle Davis.



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May 25, 2020 at 05:21 PM

AF

“ Family of Gayle I am a former co-worker from Bell south. Just know that precious in the sight of The Lord is the death of His Saints!!! If you all open up your hearts and minds and let the Lord in he will give you His Peace that surpasses all understanding. I walk in it daily myself. Gayle was a special person full of smiles, kindness, helpfulness, encouragement and fun!!! I know that you all will miss her, but just know she is in the Arms Of Jesus!!! RIP my Gayle You were one of the kindest loving people I know!! Annie J. Fox-Thomas

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**Annie J FoxThomas** - May 23, 2020 at 03:44 PM

DB

“ While Heaven is a more joyous place, this old earth is a little more sad. Miss You Aunt Gayle, but will see you again. Lord willing. Think of y'all in prayers and thoughts.

dino beck - May 21, 2020 at 07:42 AM

JA

“ Gayle was my dearest friend for more than 52 years. We met while working at Bell South. We became best friends instantly. She introduced me to my husband and my husband talked her into dating her husband. I married one week before she married and we were honored attendants at each other's ceremonies. We remained Best Friends Forever way before the term became popular. She was the sister I never had and I will miss her dearly. Rest In Peace my precious friend for you truly deserve it! I love always💕💕

Josephine Allison - May 20, 2020 at 06:16 PM

CT

“ My sincerest condolences. We have prayed for Gayle and will continue to pray for the family. May God grant you the peace that passes understanding.

Cathy Trew  
(friend of Dino and Teresa Beck)

Cathy Trew - May 20, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gayle Davis.



May 20, 2020 at 03:06 PM