



Gaynell S. McAlister

November 17, 1925 - April 26, 2022

Lily Gaynell McAlister, widow of the late J. Earl McAlister of Travelers Rest, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, April 26, 2022. Born in the Tigerville Community of Greenville County, she was the daughter of the late Croel David and Pearl Geraldine Southerlin Sudduth. Gaynell attended Highland Elementary School and graduated from Jordan High School in 1942. Following graduation she was employed in the public sector at Renfrew Bleachery, Hope Reed, Carolina Blouse, Macshore Classics and EM-TEX. Gaynell was an excellent seamstress, outstanding homemaker, marvelous cook and cherished, adored mother. Caring for family, loved ones, and others in need was a passion of hers and highlighted her gentle and devoted nature. Gaynell was an active member of First Baptist Church, Travelers Rest as long as her health permitted. She was a life member and Past Matron of Travelers Rest Chapter #205, Order of the Eastern Star, where she earned the honorary title of "Fried Pie Lady" and was currently a life member of Greer Chapter #151, Order of the Eastern Star.

Gaynell is survived by her daughter, Elaine M. Burgess of Travelers Rest; granddaughter, Whitney C. French(Wally) of the Tigerville Community; grandson, Joshua E. Cheatham(Krystal) of Newberry; three great-grandchildren: Lily Harper French, Claudia Shelby French and Easton James Cheatham and nieces and nephews whom she loved. In addition to her parents and husband, Gaynell was predeceased by her daughter, Wanda M. DuBard; son-in-law, W.C. "Bill" Burgess; brothers and sisters-in-law, Colman

D. and Sarah Jo Sudduth, and Carroll A. and Lucille Sudduth; father and mother-in-law, W.T. and Gertrude G. McAlister, and her step-mother Maida Westmoreland Sudduth.

The family will receive friends Friday, April 29, 2022, from 11:30am until 12:45 pm at First Baptist Church, Travelers Rest with funeral service to follow at 1:00pm. Interment will be in Mountain View Memorial Park.

For those desiring, memorials may be made to "Lottie Moon Mission Offering", First Baptist Church, Travelers Rest, 20 McElhaney Road, Travelers Rest, SC 29690 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.

The family will be at the McAlister residence.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Travelers Rest
20 McElhaney Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Church Service

APR **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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20 McElhaney Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Pauline Segar lit a candle in memory of Gaynell S. McAlister*



Pauline Segar - May 06, 2022 at 05:41 PM

DE

“ *Elaine, so very sorry to hear of Gaynell's passing! She was such a special part of our lives growing up at TRFB! Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers!*

Debbie and Edwin White

debbie - May 01, 2022 at 09:18 AM

EO

“ *Elaine and family I'm so sorry to hear of Guynel's passing. I was out of town I wished I could have been here for the funeral. Last time I saw her was at the Restaurant there in Travelers Rest with you and she recognized me and I had not seen her in many years and it made me feel so good that she remembered me, you was with her and I think your husband was with y'all. She was a sweet lady. My Daddy thought so much of her and your dad. Elizabeth Sudduth Owens. RIP Guynell.*



Elizabeth S Owens - May 01, 2022 at 01:27 AM

TM

“ *Tish McDaniel purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Gaynell S. McAlister.*



Tish McDaniel - April 28, 2022 at 02:17 PM

MY

“ *Myrtlemiller lit a candle in memory of Gaynell S. McAlister*



myrtlemiller - April 28, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gaynell S. McAlister.*



April 28, 2022 at 07:54 AM

ST

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful lady. Such a warm and beautiful smile was always on her face.*
Robert and Sammie Tate

Sammie Tate - April 27, 2022 at 09:27 PM

JH

“ *Jonell Hart lit a candle in memory of Gaynell S. McAlister*



Jonell Hart - April 27, 2022 at 08:44 PM

CH

“ *Country Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Gaynell S. McAlister*



Country Hawkins - April 27, 2022 at 08:19 PM

DC

“ *When the milestone is complete is the journey ends swiftly. Thoughts ,prayers and my heartfelt sympathy Love ,Doris C.Johnson*

Doris C.Johnson - April 27, 2022 at 06:35 PM