



## Gaynelle McCloud

August 31, 1933 - October 20, 2025

Gaynelle Shook McCloud entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on October 20, 2025.

Born on August 31, 1933, in Hiawassee, Georgia, Gaynelle was the middle child of the late Nola Ann Shook Crump and William Shook. She moved to Anderson, South Carolina, as a young child, where she spent her formative years surrounded by faith, family, and community.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 53 years, John Wesley McCloud, her sister Betty Jo Bagwell, and her brother Dean Shook.

Gaynelle is survived by her children: John McCloud Jr. (Christine), Hubert "Mack" McCloud, and Louanne Lunny (Jim); grandchildren John McCloud III (Jamie), Elizabeth McCloud, Rebecca Lunny Knisely (Nate), and Hannah Lunny Lowe (Eric). She took immense joy in her family and was a constant source of love, encouragement, and prayer for each of them.

She attended Spartanburg Junior College and graduated with her Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Masters in Reading Education from Furman University. She devoted her life to nurturing young minds as an elementary school teacher at Slater Marietta Elementary School, where she later served as a reading specialist. Teaching children to read was her greatest

professional passion; she believed literacy opened doors to every opportunity God intended for a child's life.

Gaynelle's faith was the cornerstone of her life. A devout Christian, she loved the Lord deeply and lived her faith daily through kindness, service, and prayer. Whether teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, encouraging others in their walk with Christ, or quietly reading her Bible, she reflected the love and grace of Jesus in all she did.

She was also a lifelong learner who always had a book nearby. She loved visiting bookstores, discovering new authors, and sharing her favorite reads with family and friends.

Gaynelle was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother whose love for her family knew no bounds. She never missed a band competition, school event, or family milestone; always present with a warm smile, a word of encouragement, and one of her famously thoughtful cards, lovingly referred to as her "epistles." Her greatest joy was found in her family, and she made sure each one knew, beyond any doubt, just how deeply loved and cherished they were.

Her life was a beautiful example of faith, love, and service. Her legacy lives on in the countless students she taught, the family she nurtured, and the faith she so gracefully lived.

A celebration of Gaynelle's life and faith will be held on Monday, November 3, at The Howze Mortuary Chapel. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m., service will follow at 2:00 p.m., Burial will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Gaynelle's name to:  
Gods Way Church, P.O. Box 1012., Travelers Rest, SC 29690 or Slater

Marietta Elementary School Library, 100 Baker Cir, Marietta, SC 29661

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Memorial Park

7 Duncan Rd  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
(864) 834-3184

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary, Inc.  
6714 State Park Road  
P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
(864) 834-8051  
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com  
<https://www.thehowzemortuary.com/>

## Service

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd.  
Travelers Rest  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Ronald B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gaynelle McCloud.

Ronald B. - November 01, 2025 at 03:16 PM

DI

“ Uplifting prayers for the families! Ms. McCloud was a very special lady.



Diane - November 01, 2025 at 01:58 PM

JA

“ Janet lit a candle in memory of Gaynelle McCloud



Janet - October 27, 2025 at 10:55 AM

CN

“ Carlene, Kris, Sandy and Nena purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gaynelle McCloud.



Carlene, Kris, Sandy and Nena - October 25, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JG

“ My sympathy and prayers to the family of Mrs. McCloud. She and I worked together at Slater Marietta Elementary School for 20 years. May all your memories strengthen you during your loss and in the days ahead. "To be absent from the body is to present with the Lord".

*Jackie Goggins  
Former Music Teacher*

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**Jackie Goggins** - October 24, 2025 at 09:51 AM

PH

“ Pat Hawkins lit a candle in memory of  
Gaynelle McCloud



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**Pat Hawkins** - October 24, 2025 at 04:50 AM

MT

“ Mertie Taylor lit a candle in memory of  
Gaynelle McCloud



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**Mertie Taylor** - October 23, 2025 at 10:15 PM

CP

“ carolyn Pierce lit a candle in memory of  
Gaynelle McCloud



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**carolyn Pierce** - October 23, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JP

“ *Jen Pearson lit a candle in memory of Gaynelle McCloud*



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**Jen Pearson** - October 22, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JP

“ *To the family , I know she will be missed , she was my teacher out at Slater Marietta back in the 80's she was a sweet lady I am praying for you*

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**Jen Pearson** - October 22, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Mrs. McCloud was a remarkable human. She was my first grade teacher and such a light and presence in our lives. She was an excellent teacher, one of the best. To her family, may you find great comfort in knowing what a lovely person Mrs. McCloud was. I have very fond memories of her and have carried lessons I learned from her throughout life. Prayers for Peace and Comfort for you all. Robin Barrett Hand*

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**Robin Hand** - October 22, 2025 at 11:25 AM