



Glenda Lyda Crain

January 16, 1953 - March 14, 2021

Glenda Louise (Lyda) Crain, 68, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at her home.

Born in Pickens County, SC, she was the daughter of Louise Oglesby Lyda and the late Glenn Lyda. Glenda retired from North Greenville University and was a member of First Baptist Gowensville.

Glenda is survived by her husband of 38 years, Alvin Crain; daughter: Melanie Miliken; son: Dylan Crain; sister: Sherri Smith; brother: Alan Lyda and 3 grandchildren: Savannah, Noah and Lily.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Gowensville, 5650 Highway 14, Landrum, SC with the Rev. Bruce Schmidt officiating. There will be no visitation and burial will be private.

Cemetery Details

First Baptist Gowensville

5650 Highway 14
Landrum, SC 29356

Previous Events

Church Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ When I contemplated how to write these words nothing came to mind. After all, how can I convey what I’m feeling when the words simply do not exist? “A beautiful life” doesn’t come close. “The best mom a kid could ask for” doesn’t even scratch the surface. The past tense tears a hole in me. On Sunday she left this earth after a 5 year battle with Parkinson’s disease and took a piece of me with her. But I believe that what she left behind with me is far greater. Her sense of adventure. Her artistic proficiency. Her tack-sharp sense of humor. But most of all a love that knows no bounds, that transcends the confines of this earthly realm. I’ll carry it with me for the rest of my life. I’ll wear it like a badge of honor. Until I see you again, I look forward to spending more time with you, Mom. I’ll be looking for you. In your favorite songs. In the books and movies we bonded over. In the rays of sunlight that warm my skin. In the mountains. In the ocean that washed away your troubles. I know that you’ll never be far. Your DNA is knitted into me. Your wisdom is the fabric of my heart and mind. Your memory is alive and well in me, and so then are you. I’m beyond blessed to have been a part of your story. But just because you’re gone doesn’t mean your story ends. I’m just picking up where you left off. I plan on making you proud. When we see each other again we’ll have a lot of catching up to do, and you better believe I’m going to make it a story worth telling. I love you.

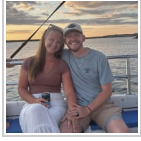
Dylan Crain - May 26, 2021 at 04:48 PM

EK

“ I am so sorry to hear of our loss. Glenda was a special lady and friend. We worked together at NGU for many years. I pray God will bless you with His great comfort and peace.

Elaine King

Elaine King - March 20, 2021 at 03:03 PM



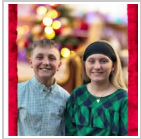
“ *It’s hard for me to believe that my sweet sweet Grammy is actually gone. I miss her so much. My favorite story she told me was when I was younger. She said that she would literally carry me every where, and she did lol! She said she started to realize that she needed to stop carrying me when one day we went to pick up my Uncle Dylan from school and my feet were dragging on the ground as she was carrying me up to the door. I’ll forever love this women and the impact she had on my life. Rest easy Grammy, until I see you again* 💕💕

Savanna Lawless - March 18, 2021 at 02:57 PM

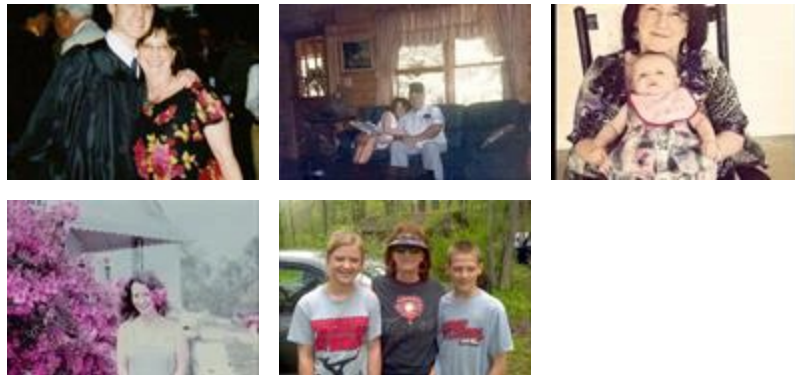


I love this story. She loved you so much, Savanna. I’ll never forget all the good times we all had when you would stay with us.

Dylan Crain - April 24, 2021 at 12:25 AM



“ *20 files added to the tribute wall*



Jessica Smith Swaynghame - March 18, 2021 at 02:15 PM

GM

“ *A real sweet service for Glenda today. So glad I could attend as a tribute to her friendship in past years. Prayers for Alvin and the family in the days ahead.*

Gail Morgan - March 18, 2021 at 01:14 PM

SC

“ *Glenda always had a smile on her face and was an encourager to so many at North Greenville University for many years, serving in University Advancement and the Business Office. Our prayers are with the family.*

*Dr. Steve Crouse
Senior Campus Pastor
North Greenville University*

Steve Crouse - March 17, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Tina Marie Beltran purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Glenda Lyda Crain.*



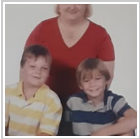
Tina Marie Beltran - March 17, 2021 at 02:55 AM



“ *My love for my precious half-sister Glenda was sweet. She was always smiling and loving to me. I'm so glad I got to see her again recently and share some love with her for a little while. Even though we didn't share much of life together growing up I loved her always. I know that she and our daddy are now having a sweet time together in heaven rejoicing now with no more pain. My love and sympathy for all the family.* ❤️



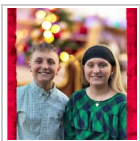
Tina Marie Beltran - March 17, 2021 at 01:13 AM



“ *Sherri Smith purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Glenda Lyda Crain.*



Sherri Smith - March 16, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Jessica Smith Swaynghame purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Glenda Lyda Crain.*

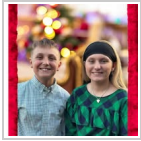


Jessica Smith Swaynghame - March 16, 2021 at 05:27 PM

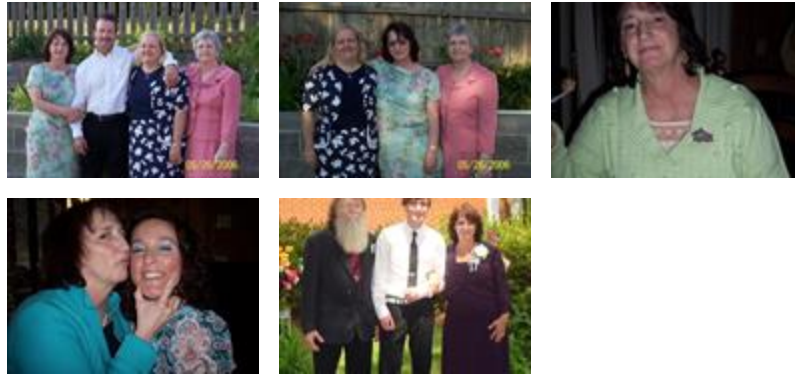


“ *I worked with Glenda at NGU for a few years. She was a precious lady who loved the Lord. May she be at peace with her savior. Tina Boyle*

Tina Boyle - March 16, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *11 files added to the album Memories Album*



Jessica Smith Swaynghame - March 16, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *My sister was my best friend, a part of me will never be the same, God Speed my sister rest in the arms of Jesus I'm going to miss you till I see you on the other side I'll be taking care of mother you were so worried about her she's getting so forgetful she's missing our get togethers at her house that's our best memories love you, your sister forever, Sherri*

Sherri Smith - March 16, 2021 at 11:12 AM

TM

“ Dear Alvin and all Family and Friends, we are praying for you all. Glenda touched so many lives. There are not enough words to express how much Glenda is loved. She is no longer suffering but is with Jesus, walking on Streets of Gold, and in a New, Perfect Body. Glenda always had such a warm smile and loved everyone. She was always concerned with other people. Glenda was an exemplary wife, mother, aunt, and friend. There are not enough words to convey how much we loved her. She always had a positive outlook on life. She missed being able to go to church, and being with family.. May God provide your every need including grace, peace, comfort, love and discernment. I cherish all if the memories and her sweet smile. She was such a gracious Southern Lady. If there is someone, either a Friend or Family Member, who is not saved, may this be the time that someone will repent of their sins and accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Remember the special times shared with Glenda. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love and prayers,

Tonya Sabrina Mitchell and Brian Lee Pace

(Daughter of the Late Rev. George J. Mitchell and Ruth Ellen Bates,
Granddaughter of the late James Davis Bates and Maude Irene Cox
Bates)

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Tonya Sabrina Mitchell - March 16, 2021 at 10:54 AM

DB

“ Glenda was my very special friend! We have so many great memories! We have laughed and cried together. Praying for all the family!!

Dale Bruce - March 16, 2021 at 10:26 AM

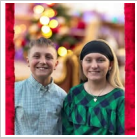
JA

“ I enjoyed getting to know Glenda when I worked at NGU. She was always so friendly, helpful, and did her job with the sweetest disposition.

My deepest sympathy to the family.

Joyce Arledge

joyce arledge - March 15, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ My Aunt Glenda will always be remembered. So many memories. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas at her house. Along with all the beach trips she took us on when we was little. We all have always been a very close family. The kids absolutely loved going to visit her. I have always looked up to her. Such a beautiful, intelligent and caring woman. A leader and follower of Christ. Forever in our hearts.

LOVE -Jessica & Jason, Emily, Eli Swaynghame

Jessica Smith Swaynghame - March 15, 2021 at 08:50 PM

AI

“ Allen And Kim Lyda Brother And Sister In sent a virtual gift in memory of Glenda Lyda Crain



Allen and Kim Lyda brother and sister in - March 15, 2021 at 08:48 PM

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“ Allen And Kim Lyda Brother And Sister In lit a candle in memory of Glenda Lyda Crain



Allen and Kim Lyda brother and sister in - March 15, 2021 at 08:46 PM