



Gayla Hastings Brown

October 6, 1938 - July 18, 2011

Gayla Hastings Brown, 72 of Ardmore, Tennessee died on Monday, July 18, 2011, at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia, Tennessee. Born Thursday, October 6, 1938 in Prospect, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late Roy Hastings and the late Bunia Whitt Hastings. She had lived most of her life in the Ardmore area and was a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church. She was a very good golfer and could cook like no one else. She also loved to work with flowers in her yard. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Gregory Alan Brown, and a step-son Edwin Lee Brown, Jr., brothers, Clayton, A.J., Glen, Punch, Billy, Ken, Joe, and Bobby Hastings, and a sister Anna Laura Reuter. Surviving are her loving husband of 56 years: Edwin "Ed" Brown of Ardmore, TN, daughter, Brenda Brown of Toney, AL, step-daughter, Nancy Rose Ann Brown Whitten of Interlochen, MI, brothers: Fred Hasting of Gurley, AL, Morris Hastings of Waterford, MI and Jerry Hastings of White Lake, MI., nine grandchildren: Audrey Kirby, Brian Adams, Dean Adams, Kathryn Adams, Brigette Hodges, Sean Edwin Cameron, the Rev. Gregory Alan Brown II, Carson Lee Brown, and Veronica Sue Broom; great-grandchildren: Liberty Kirby, Ruth Kirby, Owen Adams, Sophie Adams, Gregory Alan Brown III, Kennedy Hodges, Eli Hodges, Erica Matthews, Erin Matthews, Eric Matthews; one great-great-grandchild: Autumn Washington; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 22, 2011, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with The Rev. Gregory Alan Brown II, The Rev. Dr. Ray Stonecypher, and The

Rev. Lynn Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gayla was a true woman, good mother . only wish we,d of had more time . I loved her and will miss her . She will be missed by all who knew her, In my prayers always,Debbie fry*

Debbie jean fr(Lahde) - July 28, 2011 at 07:00 PM

NH

“ *Sorry we were unable to attend Aunt Gayla's funeral. We loved her very much and will miss her. I will keep you and the family in my prayers.*

*Love,
Nancy*

Nancy Hasting-Copenhaver - July 25, 2011 at 01:26 PM

JF

“ To my dearest family,
some things I'd like to say.
But first of all, to let you know,
that I arrived okay.

*I'm writing this from the Bridge.
Here I dwell with God above.
Here there's no more tears of sadness.
Here is just eternal love.*

*Please do not be unhappy
just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I am with you
every morning, noon and night.*

*That day I had to leave you
when my life on earth was through,
God picked me up and hugged me
and He said, "I welcome you.*

*It's good to have you back again,
you were missed while you were gone.
As for your dearest family,
They'll be here later on."*

*God gave me a list of things,
that he wished for me to do.
And foremost on the list,
was to watch and care for you.*

*And when you lie in bed at night
the day's chores put to flight,
God and I are closest to you...
in the middle of the night.*

When you think of my life on earth,

*and all those loving years,
because you are only human,
they are bound to bring you tears.*

*But do not be afraid to cry
it does relieve the pain.
Remember there would be no flowers,
unless there was some rain.*

*I wish that I could tell you
all that God has planned.
If I were to tell you,
you wouldn't understand.*

*But one thing is for certain,
though my life on earth is o'er.
I'm closer to you now,
than I ever was before.*

*There are rocky roads ahead of you
and many hills to climb;
But together we can do it
by taking one day at a time.*

*It was always my philosophy
and I'd like it for you too;
That as you give unto the world,
the world will give to you.*

*If you can help somebody
who's in sorrow and pain;
Then you can say to God at night...
"My day was not in vain."*

*And now I am contented...
that my life was worthwhile.
Knowing as I passed along*

I made somebody smile.

*God says: "If you meet somebody
who is sad and feeling low;
Just lend a hand to pick him up,
as on your way you go.*

*When you're walking down the street
with me on your mind;
I'm walking in your footsteps
only half a step behind."*

*"And when it's time for you to go...
from that body to be free.
Remember you're not going...
you're coming here to me."*

Janice M. Finley - July 24, 2011 at 12:05 AM

AL

“ *We will miss her. We love her so much. I'm just glad she is not suffering anymore and is in a better place.*

AD & BARBARA LEWTER - July 21, 2011 at 01:46 PM

EB

“ *Alan - so sorry about the passing of your grandmother. She was always so pretty. May God bless you during this time of sadness.*

Emily Billings - July 20, 2011 at 06:09 PM

JF

“ *When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,*

*And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.*

*But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It almost seemed impossible*

That I was leaving you.

*I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.*

*If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.*

*And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.*

*But when I walked through Heavens Gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,*

*He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.*

I promise no tomorrow,

*But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.*

*You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.*

*But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?"*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.*

Janice Tomerlin- Finley - July 20, 2011 at 05:10 PM

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“ *Gayla Hastings Brown*

Funeral Home Owner - June 30, 2011 at 01:17 PM