



Mary Nell Gower

June 9, 1935 - February 9, 2025

Mary Nell Smith Gower, 89, beloved mother, grandmother (Nanny), and great-grandmother, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Mrs. Gower attended Sugar Hill High School and had two brothers – one older, one younger – and lived in Buford most of her life. On Christmas Eve of 1951, she married the love of her life, Charlie Thomas Gower, a marriage that lasted until Charlie's death in 2014. Charlie and Mary Nell had four children: Michael, Kathy, Karen, and David.

Mary Nell was an active member in Duncan Creek Congregational Church serving in many roles including being a Sunday School teacher, but always as an example of a Christian woman. Her leadership skills were an asset to The Buford Chapter of the Eastern Star (Chapter 317) for many years as she served as both Worthy Matron and a District Grand Deputy. She always gave her best at everything she did and retired after 27 years of service at the Lovable Company.

Mrs. Gower is preceded in death by her husband, Charlie, her daughter, Karen Gower Phillips, her granddaughter, Jessica Michelle Gower, her parents, Jewell and Bessie Duncan Smith, and her brother Carl Horace Smith and his wife Doris Barnett Smith of Hattiesburg, MS.

She is survived by her children Michael & Robin Gower, Kathy & Wayne Johnson, and David & Donell Gower; grandchildren Wayne & Ginger Johnson, Tommy & Nicole Gower, Tabatha Johnson, Steven & Haley Gower, Brandi Gower, and Christopher Gower; great-grandchildren: Rhett Johnson, Ariel

Johnson, SJ Gower, Charlee Gower, Channing Gower, Ledger Gower, Caden Gower, Beckett Gower, and Sawyer Gower; brother and sister-in-law Rev. Dr. J. Harold & Janice Smith; nieces and nephews: Carla Smith Wynja & family, Susan Smith, Steven Smith & family, and Kevin Smith & family; son-in-law, Terry & Holly Phillips & Elijah.

The family wants to thank Jamie Wood and the Agape Hospice Care group for going above and beyond to take care of our Mother – and us – during this time.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA, with Dr. James Dee Dillin officiating. Interment will follow at the Duncan Creek Congregational Church Cemetery located in Buford, GA 30519. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.; then again on Friday, February 14, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., time of the Service.

Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made to Duncan Creek Congregational Church, 3868 Braselton Hwy., Buford, GA 30519.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment

FEB 14.

Duncan Creek Congregational Church Cemetery
Buford, GA

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Gower.



February 14, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Mary Nell



Carla Wynja - February 11, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ It is with heavy heart that I extend my sincerest condolences to Mary Nell's children for the loss of their beautiful and dear Mother. As a young girl, I recall walking to Mary Nell's home to visit. She and her family always lived close by. I always looked forward to seeing Mary Nell at our annual Duncan Christmas Parties. These precious memories will remain in my heart forever. May she rest in eternal peace. And, may GOD bless you today, tomorrow and always.



Phyllis Duncan Alayyah - February 10, 2025 at 11:16 AM

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“ Prayers for all of you! I loved this sweet lady! Remember going to her house as a little girl. My dad sure thought a lot if her also.

Anita Thornton - February 10, 2025 at 06:53 AM

BB

So sorry to hear of Mary Nell's passing. She was always so sweet and caring. She is so loved and sure will be missed. Prayers for you all.

Brennice Baggs - February 10, 2025 at 10:23 AM

TH

Sweet Mary Nell, I can hear her soft, kind, sweet voice. I will always treasure her last visit to my house, sure wish I had called and visited more. Keeping you all in my prayers. G,

Trina Hartison - February 10, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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She was one of the sweetest people I have ever known, I can just hear her sweet, soft, kind voice. She was always the one to check on family. I'm sad that I didn't call or visit like I should have. Keeping y'all in my prayers, love and hugs.

Trina Harrison - February 11, 2025 at 07:42 AM

PJ

Praying for you all. Dear memories.

Priscilla Hosch Jordan - February 12, 2025 at 10:46 AM