



Biddy Joyce Gartman Martin

October 3, 1933 - August 8, 2022

Biddy Joyce Gartman Martin, age 88, passed away Monday, August 8, 2022, at Albertville Rehab Select where she had been a resident for several months. Joyce is survived by her daughter, Judy Martin of Guntersville; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Hugh O'Neal of Munford; sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Richard Watkins of Gadsden; brother, David Gartman of Rainbow City; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Julian "Buddy" Martin; parents, Lillie May and Biddy Gartman; sister, Judith Faye Gartman; and sisters-in-law, Doris Cunningham and Pat Gartman.

Joyce was a 1951 graduate of Emma Sansom High School. She and Buddy began their lives together shortly after she graduated, moving to Shreveport, LA where Buddy was stationed in the Air Force. After his service, they moved back home to Gadsden. During her daughters' school years, she was very active in the PTA, holding various leadership positions. Joyce began her career working in the dental office of Dr. Spike Wells, later with Dr. Bozo Wells and eventually with Dr. Wes Acee, retiring after working with him for a number of years. During her retirement, she worked as a volunteer at Riverview Regional Medical Center.

Joyce loved Christmas and she and Buddy enjoyed having many Christmas Open Houses at their home on Tabor Road in Gadsden.

Joyce was baptized as a young girl at Dwight Baptist Church in Alabama City. She joined Alabama City United Methodist Church when she and Buddy

moved back home. Many years later, they joined McCauleys Chapel United Methodist Church where she was still a member.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at Forrest Cemetery. Rev. Richard Martin will officiate. The family will receive friends at 9 a.m. Wednesday, at Village Chapel Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you give a donation in memory of Joyce to United Methodist Children's Home or a charity of your choice if you so desire.

The family would like to thank Dr. Raymond Ufford and the staffs of the Memory Care Unit at Bridgewood Gardens Assisted Living, Albertville Rehab Select and Shepherd's Cove Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Forrest Cemetery

Gadsden, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Gadsden, AL 35904
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Tribute Wall

DA

“Joyce was one of my sweet volunteers at Riverview - I loved working with her. Always sweet, always kind and always professional! She was a wonderful lady.

Dana - August 18, 2022 at 03:02 PM

NB

“I have so many great memories of your Mom. There's too many to name here but her Christmas open house was always fun. I know my parents were waiting at the Pearly Gates to reunite with them! All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Nanette Swanger Bumgarner

Nanette Bumgarner - August 11, 2022 at 09:34 AM

TF

“Jan, please accept mine and Tommy's condolences for the loss of your sweet mother. I'm so glad we had the opportunity to visit with her and your dad several years ago. They were such gracious hosts. I know you and Hugh will miss her. We won't be able to see you tomorrow due to a doctors appointment but you're in our prayers.

Tommy and Stella Fowler - August 09, 2022 at 06:46 PM

WA

A wonderful lady. ❤️

wes acee - July 24, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DM

“ My mom and dad, Doris and Leon Yother, were good friends of Joyce and Buddy Martin’s. I remember spending time with them when we all lived in Gadsden many years ago. My parents always loved her Christmas open house, what a joy to keep friends in touch with a yearly event. She was a sweet and generous lady, and I’m sure she will be sorely missed by her family. Please accept my condolences. It is a difficult time when we lose a mother.

Denise Yother Monroe - August 09, 2022 at 10:21 AM

NB

Judy and Jan,

I have so many fun memories of your Mom. Her Christmas Open House was such a great way to spend time with lots of friends. She and Mom worked together a lot at church and always kept the “Mom” eye on us from the choir! Lots of great memories of both your parents, too many to name. I know my Mom and Dad are rejoicing to be reunited with your parents in Heaven!

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Nanette Swanger Bumgarner

Nanette Bumgarner - August 11, 2022 at 08:57 AM

SL

“ Went to church in the 50’s with family, then worked with her. Joyce was a soft spoken lady. A friend to everyone Condolences to family.

Sue Lankford - August 09, 2022 at 09:37 AM