



## Norma Jean Gay

October 24, 1942 - December 5, 2023

Mother,

As I begin each new day, I remember ~

~I am strong when new challenges come my way because I remember your courage in pursuing your GED in your forties, not stopping until you achieved your college degree, finally realizing a dream of travelling the country as a nurse.

~I am determined and intentional in every step of my life because I remember your bravery and force of will as a single mom challenging workplace norms to provide for us.

~I am thankful in all things because I remember the hardships you overcame, and the sacrifices you made, always putting our needs above your own.

~I am a loving, devoted parent because I remember how much you treasured the company of your family, and found such fulfillment within the adventures of our own lives.

Norma Jean Gay entered the gates of heaven on December 5, 2023 at the age of 81. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Norma Jean was predeceased by her son John Calvin Harris Jr, brothers Reverend Jesse Bone and Mark Bone, husband Thomas Gay, and grandson Steven Hamrick Jr. Norma Jean was born in Butler, Georgia to Earl Edgar and Sarah Jewel Bone on October 24, 1942. She was a talented artist who enjoyed drawing, painting, crafting, and sewing. She worked as a traveling bedside cardiac nurse all over the US until her health necessitated her

retirement.

She treasured her family above all else and is survived by her children Bonnie Lane (Stan) of Hartsville SC, Kristy Harris of Muskogee OK, Don (Lexa) of Mansfield TX, and Dean (Sherry) of Roseville CA, brother Fredrick Bone, Sisters Naomi Posey and Grace Dennard, Fourteen Grandchildren, Seventeen Great Grandchildren, two Great-great Grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart and prayers for the family, I always loved being around her when I was younger spending time at her house. I know she will be missed by all who knew her* ❤️



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**Bonnie Hudgens** - December 06, 2023 at 07:39 PM