



Floy Mai Gatewood

October 2, 1928 - March 21, 2021

Floy Mai Cude Gatewood of the Nunnelly community in Hickman County, passed away on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the age of 92. Floy was born October 2, 1928 to Jim D. & Dellie (Smith) Cude on Nubbin Ridge, now known as Piney River Rd. in Hickman Co. As a child she attended the schools at Taylor Creek and Nunnelly going through the tenth grade. Floy's mother died when she was only 10 years old. She and her beloved sister, Mary, spent most of their time helping their father provide care for their three invalid brothers and working the family farm. On September 8, 1951, she married Elbert (Buster) Gatewood from Rogers Springs, Tn. He was a construction worker for the Nashville Bridge Company, and together they had three sons- Gary, Ronny, Tim, and two daughters, Earline and Melinda.

Floy, a devoted homemaker, mother, and caregiver, also found great enjoyment in working as a nurses assistant from 1981-1993 at the Hickman County Nursing Home. She had a passion for quilting, cooking, and gardening. During her lifetime, it is believed that she made 80 quilts, many of which were given as gifts or to help those in need. She was an active, involved member of the Nunnelly United Methodist Church, the Nunnelly Community Center, and served on the Board of Directors for the Lowes Bend Cemetery.

Floy was preceded in death by her parents, Jim D. and Dellie Cude; her brothers- J.D., W.T., and Roy Cude, her sister, Mary Ashworth Reeder; her husband, Buster Gatewood; and her daughter, Melinda DeVore. She is survived by her children- Gary (Becky) Gatewood; Earline (Bill) Warren; Ronny (Judy) Gatewood; Tim (Donna) Gatewood-six grandchildren- Brett (Katie) Gatewood; Megan (Robert) Kent; Lauren (Corbin) Barr; Emily (Justin) Atkinson; Lan (Emily) Warren; and Ryan (Alyssa) Gatewood: seven great grandchildren- Avery and Hannah Kent; David and Ben Gatewood; Tate Atkinson; Paisley Gatewood; and Levi Warren; and several nieces and nephews.

Floy was a strong, caring, Christian woman committed to serving others and especially her family, whom she loved dearly. As she stated, " When God gives you kids, He gives you a gift you will never forget and a love you will always hold on to." She was a light to all

who crossed paths with her and an inspiration to many. She leaves her family a deep-rooted, rich legacy of courage and love.

Services will be held on Friday, April 2, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. with visitation on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. on Friday all at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville, TN.

Rev. Jim Melrose and Wanda Turner will officiate services.

Burial will follow services at the Lowes Bend Cemetery in Nunnelly, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lowes Bend Cemetery Fund, to the Nunnelly United Methodist Church, or the Centerville Church of Christ Day School.

A live stream of services can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/McDonaldFH>.

Cemetery

Events

Lowes Bend Cemetery

TN,

- APR 1

Visitation

03:00PM - 08:00PM

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave., Centerville, TN, US, 37033
- APR 2

Visitation

11:00AM - 01:00PM

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- APR 2

Funeral Service

01:00PM

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Comments



“ Cheeva McClearen sent a virtual gift in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Cheeva McClearen - March 29 at 02:47 AM



“ Ashley Frazier lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Ashley Frazier - March 28 at 07:54 PM



“ Ronald And Judy Gatewood lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Ronald and Judy Gatewood - March 28 at 12:52 PM



“ Lonnie And Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Lonnie and Marilyn Gilliam - March 27 at 10:02 PM



“ Cindy and George Garland lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood.



Cindy and George Garland - March 27 at 06:46 PM



“ Melissa Shelton lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Melissa Shelton - March 27 at 05:07 PM



“ Coleen Williams lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Coleen Williams - March 27 at 03:05 PM



“ Yvonne Patterson lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Yvonne Patterson - March 27 at 11:40 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss.



Pamela Hinson - March 26 at 08:38 PM



“ Chug And Johnnie Ruth Elrod lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Chug and Johnnie Ruth Elrod - March 26 at 10:17 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Ms. Floy's family.

James Arthur (Tank) and Dana Atkinson



James Arthur Atkinson - March 26 at 06:52 AM



“ Dean And Lisa Wright lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Dean and Lisa Wright - March 25 at 07:52 PM



“ Frances (McClearen)McMeen sent a virtual gift in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Frances (McClearen)McMeen - March 25 at 07:35 PM



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Frances (McClearen)McMeen - March 25 at 07:32 PM



“ Charlene Hall lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Charlene Hall - March 25 at 11:11 AM



“ Janie Canady sent a virtual gift in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



janie canady - March 25 at 11:06 AM



“ Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster - March 25 at 10:18 AM



“ Nina Redden Adamson lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Nina Redden Adamson - March 25 at 08:56 AM



“ Carolyn Burchard Bennett



Carolyn Bennett - March 25 at 07:51 AM



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“ Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Betty Love - March 24 at 11:19 PM



“ Donna Harvill Baker lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Donna Harvill Baker - March 24 at 11:07 PM



“ Melinda Hickman lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Melinda Hickman - March 24 at 08:09 PM



“ Christy Wells lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Christy Wells - March 24 at 08:02 PM



“ Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Randall-Sandra Barber - March 24 at 07:16 PM



“ Debbie Semore lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Debbie Semore - March 24 at 05:48 PM



“ Kay Campbell lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Kay Campbell - March 24 at 03:42 PM



“ Darlene Butler lit a candle in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Darlene Butler - March 24 at 03:19 PM



“ We are thinking of you of the loss.

Regina & Martha Shelton - March 24 at 03:19 PM



“ Jeff & Janet Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Jeff & Janet Wright - March 24 at 02:19 PM



“ Charlotte Maricia Staggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Floy Mai Gatewood



Charlotte Maricia Staggs - March 24 at 02:14 PM



“ I am so sorry. Prayers for the family for your loss

Darlene Butler - March 24 at 03:20 PM