



Gayle J. VanTrees

January 7, 1922 - May 3, 2024

Gayle J. VanTrees, 102, a longtime Rushville resident, passed away, Friday, May 3, 2024 at her home in Rushville. Gayle was born January 7, 1922 in Washington, IN to the late Charles E. and Hazel (Streeter) Shrum.

Gayle was a 1940 graduate of Washington, IN High School and later went to business school. She married Warren VanTrees June 6, 1949 and he preceded her in death January 10, 2006. Gayle worked as a secretary for the War Dept. during World War II and also with her husband at Cooper's Jewelry Store in Rushville and was a housewife and homemaker. She was very active in the Republican Party and worked the polls in Rush County and attended the 1964 Republican Convention. She was a member of A New Beginning Ministry in Rushville. Gayle enjoyed reading, especially the Bible, singing in the church choir and as a soloist at weddings and various events.

Gayle is survived by a son, Barry VanTrees (Karen) of Indianapolis, daughter, Susan VanTrees of Rushville, 3 grandchildren, Craig, Neil and John VanTrees, 8 great grandchildren, Sopheat, Kirby, Israel, Jenkin, Lainey, Connor, Eleanor and Nolan.

In addition to her parents, Gayle was preceded in death by 2 brothers.

Services will be held at 1 PM Friday, May 10, 2024 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville. Pastor Mark Mathews will preside. Friends are welcome to visit from 11:30 AM until the time of service the same day. Burial will be in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Service

MAY 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Gayle J. VanTrees*



Moster Mortuary - May 10, 2024 at 12:53 PM

CL

I have such beautiful memories of her. She made such a difference in my life. I know she's with Jesus now.

Connie Lindsay - May 24, 2024 at 04:15 PM

RC

“ *She was a wonderful lady.*



RON D CAMERON - May 08, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayle J. VanTrees.*



May 07, 2024 at 11:23 AM

PR

“ Paul & Nancy Grubb and Debbie Reineke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gayle J. VanTrees.

Paul & Nancy Grubb and Debbie Reineke - May 07, 2024 at 11:23 AM

BC

“ When I returned to Rushville after having lived elsewhere for 25 years her kindness was warm and welcoming and filled me with a sense of belonging. I began attending same church she went to and witnessed her deep and abiding faith. Her love of God and family, never wavered. Her heart was overflowing with compassion for others. I stood hand-in-hand with her many times lifting up the needs of others in prayer. May the loving memories she left behind be bigger than the loss her loved ones feel. I can hear her now, telling them to turn their grief and sadness over to God! The shining example she left on earth for others to follow, lives on. What a joyous celebration there must have been in heaven the day she arrived! Dance with the angels Mom VanTrees, lift your heart in song! May peace fill the hearts of her loved ones. Brenda Paxson-Clark

Brenda CLARK - May 06, 2024 at 01:01 PM

JC

“ Just thinking of Ms Gayle brings a smile to my face. She was such an example of what a faithful godly woman looks like. She was quick to encourage and remind you of your strength in the Lord! She has run her race well and I know she is dancing with Jesus and rejoicing with Him.

What a gift her life was to those who were blessed to know her. I have thought of her often since moving away from my hometown and am still encouraged by the faithful example she left for all. Just a few weeks ago ironically I was thinking of a few conversations she and I had regarding Jesus. And now I learn that she is dancing with Him. I imagine He's still telling her how pleased He is with her. And she's absolutely thrilled and pleased to be with Him.

Julia Cox - May 06, 2024 at 01:36 AM

JJ

“ Gram was a wonderful mother-in-law and a good role model as the matriarch of the family. I have many fond memories of her excellent organizational skills. She insisted on routine and not procrastinating on things to get done. If something needed done, she was the one to ask. I remember her transition to deeper faith and her pride in becoming a prayer warrior. She realized her dream of going to Jerusalem. She will always be in my good memories and she's in heaven now singing praises with Warren. Joyce and Jake Jacobs

Joyce Jacobs - May 05, 2024 at 11:44 AM

SG

“ *Gayle is an absolute gem; there is no doubt about her eternal soul. She was so wonderful to Cheryl and I as we pastored Voice for Christ. She was a leader, a disciple, a truth seeker (in her words). Today she is with Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life. She will hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Pastor Steven Grant*

Steven Grant - May 04, 2024 at 11:38 PM

BS

“ *BOBBIE AND TERRY SHRUM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gayle J. VanTrees.*

BOBBIE AND TERRY SHRUM - May 04, 2024 at 06:03 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gayle J. VanTrees.*



May 04, 2024 at 06:03 PM

TS

“ My dear Aunt Gayle always sent cards to me on my birthdays and every Christmas, and often at Easter. Although we've had little face-to-face contact over the past many years, she never failed to connect with me and I loved her for that. I've passed on to my children and grandchildren something that dear Aunt Gayle often told me when and how I was dealing with stressful situations - "It's all about attitude." Her attitude has always been positive, friendly and helpful, and she will always be remembered by me that way. My love and best wishes for cousins Barry and dear Susan for her wonderful daily care for many years.

Terry Shrum - May 04, 2024 at 05:51 PM

AR

“ I remember Mrs. Vantrees as "sweet Mama Gayle" when attending former church Voice For Christ. Sweet Gayle, you're now with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I will see your sweet face again soon! To her family, may you find peace and comfort in His Love. ❤️

Ann Reffitt - May 04, 2024 at 02:36 PM