



Gayle Louella Hastings

February 27, 1940 - January 10, 2020

Gayle Louella Hastings, age 79, of Lovilia, IA, passed away on Friday, January 10, 2020, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Gayle was born on February 27, 1940, on the family farm in Monroe County near Lahart Lake, to Vern and Pearl (Barnhill) Baker. She grew up and attended country school and later graduated from the Lovilia High School with the Class of 1958. On July 12, 1959, she married John Hastings at the Lovilia United Brethren Church. Gayle and John were blessed with 4 children and shared over 49 years of marriage prior to John's passing on December 20, 2008.

Gayle worked as a teller at First Iowa State Bank in Albia before going to work for the City of Lovilia at the pump house where she was the clerk who wrote water bills. She then went to work at Chicago Rivet in Albia in 1976 until her retirement in 2002. Gayle also served Senior Meals for many years.

Gayle was a member of the Lovilia United Brethren Church and later the Lovilia United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Eastern Star. She and John enjoyed traveling, and even traveled abroad to places such as Scotland, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Gayle enjoyed doing Sudoku puzzles, watching Wheel of Fortune, and going to the casino. She loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events, dance recitals, and plays. She

enjoyed gardening and canning salsa. She was a wonderful cook who loved to prepare meals to share with others. Gayle's family was everything to her and her true joy in life was spending time with them.

Gayle is survived by 3 children, Tom (Susan Wise) Hastings, Mark (Kate) Hastings, and Ed (Karissa) Hastings; 9 grandchildren, Steven Elam, Emily (Austin) Fender, Andrew (Britt) Hastings, Hunter (Kenzie Griffin) Hastings, Taylor Hastings, Jack Hastings, Lily Hastings, Kalea Hastings, and Piper Hastings; 2 great grandchildren, George and Ayanna; 2 sisters, Norma Barnes and Lola Ivins; 4 sisters-in-law, Barb Hastings, Mary Jo Hastings, Betty Baker, and Hazel Baker; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; a son, Randy Hastings; her parents, Vern and Pearl Baker; a sister, Doris Shelford; 4 brothers, Forrest, Jim, Don, and Merrill Baker; 5 brothers-in-law, Delbert Hastings, Harold Hastings, Jack Shelford, Bob Ivins, and Bill Barnes; and 2 sisters-in-law, Helen Baker and Cleo Baker.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Gayle's family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Lovilia United Methodist Church, with Pastor Raymond Doser officiating. Per her wishes, Gayle's body will be cremated following the service and a private burial will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family to be determined at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Lovilia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lovilia United Methodist Church
Lovilia, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle Louella Hastings*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Gayle Louella Hastings*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Ardys McGrath lit a candle in memory of Gayle Louella Hastings*



Ardys McGrath - January 13, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ *Shawn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Gayle Louella Hastings*



Shawn Lewis - January 13, 2020 at 12:28 PM



Very sorry to here of Gayles passing sending thoughts and prayers to all that loved her.

Shawn Lewis - January 13, 2020 at 12:31 PM

DV

We were great friends for many years. In the same class in school. We had a lot of fun. She loved her boys and family dearly. She will be missed by many. Prays for the family to heal but not forget a sweet mother.

Deanne Wagaman Vincent

Deanne Wagaman Vincent - January 14, 2020 at 05:10 AM

CM

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Gayle’s passing. I always looked forward to visiting with her when I would come back to visit. She was such a beautiful person inside and out and she will be truly missed.*

Love, Carolie (Baker) Mays and family

Carolie Mays - January 12, 2020 at 06:12 PM

RF

“ *So sorry to read about Gayle's passing on Face Book. She has been a dear friend for many years. I held Home Interior shows at her new home and helped her choose things to make it beautiful. Such a beautiful person inside and out. Heaven just welcomed a true saint.*

roberta fox - January 11, 2020 at 09:11 PM

NB

“ *Sorry to hear of Gayle’s passing. Our sympathy to the families.*

Naomi Braun - January 11, 2020 at 08:24 PM

VS

“ *What a beautiful lady inside and out! Always had a smile when I saw her! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Valerie Small - January 11, 2020 at 05:43 PM

JT

“ Although Gail and John were a little older than I I remember them well and her folks I remember also. Her Brother Merle and his family I knew well also. God Bless her soul. Jim Tierney

Jim Tierney - January 11, 2020 at 04:06 PM

PS

“ My family lived across the field from the Bakers for 15 years ! Our mothers were best friends! They were a wonderful family ! Although I am 10 years older than Gayle I got to know her in our adult years ! We moved to Albia in 1942 Sne was like a breath of sunshine ! Her sister Doris and I were best friends in country school ! God bless ! Pauline McGInn Steinbach



Pauline Steinbach - January 11, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gayle Louella Hastings.



January 10, 2020 at 10:56 PM

CC

“ One of my favorite ladies, ever ❤️

Carol Cosgrove - January 10, 2020 at 07:59 PM

BS

“ Just seeing the loved ones that have passed before her, it will be one heck of a reunion in Heaven. Rest In Peace! Praying for you and your family. Beverly Grimes Selby

beverly selby - January 10, 2020 at 07:56 PM

SC

“ Steve And Michelle Chambers lit a candle in memory of Gayle Louella Hastings



Steve and Michelle Chambers - January 10, 2020 at 07:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gayle Louella Hastings.



January 10, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gayle Louella Hastings.



January 10, 2020 at 06:09 PM

PD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family! Gayle was such a loving, caring, beautiful person. I loved visiting with her. Prayers and hugs!*
Patti DeGross

Patti DeGross - January 10, 2020 at 05:24 PM

EM

“ *TO THE HASTINGS FAMILY PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS GO OUT TO YOU DURING THIS TIME OF YOUR LOSS*

ED & BETTY MCGINN - January 10, 2020 at 04:34 PM

RH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about you mom. She will b missed. Rita henderson*

rita henderson - January 10, 2020 at 04:10 PM