



Gladys Carroll Walker

June 2, 1925 - January 6, 2020

Gladys Elizabeth Carroll Walker, age 94, of Dayton, passed away Monday afternoon, January 6, 2020 at Hospice of Chattanooga. Gladys was a true Proverbs 17:11 woman born on June 2, 1925 in Chattanooga to the late James Walter and Claudine Elizabeth (Welch) Young.

She was the wife of Raymond Eugene “Gene” Carroll for 43 years and her five children were from their marriage. After being widowed, she married Clarence E. “Beck” Beckner who preceded her in death. Gladys was also preceded in death by her youngest son, Jimmy Carroll; her siblings, Alma Harbison, Hershell Young and Walter Young; her beloved son-in-law, Phil Tingle; daughter-in-law, Devonnia Carroll; and step-son, Jim Walker.

Gladys is survived by her husband of almost 15 years, Ralph Walker of Dayton; her children, Judy Tingle, Joan Carroll, Bob (Carolyn) Carroll and Wanda (Wincel) Morris all of Hixson; step-daughters, Kathy (Greg) Rogers of Battle Creek, MI and Sandy Martin of Ringgold, GA; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; three step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. She was also grandmama to the many friends of all her children who loved being in her circle and visiting her home.

After living in Hixson for most of her first 80 years of life, she shared residences in both Hixson and Dayton. She loved without judgement or

criticism and was the first to embrace the hurting. Gladys loved to laugh and share over a cup of coffee or a feast. Laughter and smiles were what most would remember about her on first recall. Gladys taught Sunday school over the years to young children and adults, worked in Bible school and nursery. She was a kindergarten teacher for 17 years at Pro-re-Bona, Ridgedale Baptist and Hixson First Baptist Churches. Hixson First Baptist was her home church and she loved singing and participating in the sanctuary choir for most of the 45 years she was a member. She moved to her husband's church in 2005 when she became a member of Dayton Family Worship Center, serving faithfully in that church as well. She wrote and self-published a wonderful, simplistic book about a close friend's walk of faith that had inspired her. It is titled "Finding Your Place of Peace". We are sure she has found hers.

Funeral services for Gladys will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with her son, Pastor Bob Carroll and Pastor Dustin Gilbert officiating. Burial services will be held Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Chapel of Devotion at Hamilton Memorial Gardens in Hixson.

Please share your memories of Gladys on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Wednesday after 4:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and to the Ronald McDonald House.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Service

JAN 8. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple St
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Burial

JAN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hamilton Memorial Gardens
Hixson, TN

Tribute Wall

DR

“ God called a very precious part of our family home today. My Pawpaws wife Gladys Walker. I will forever be thankful that God sent her to him after my Mawmaw past away in 2004. Since then she has loved and taken care of him. Since they live in Tennessee and we are 600 miles away, I have always been grateful that she was there since we couldn't be.

In 2011 (first picture) I went down to stay with Pawpaw to find a job for a month and will always remember how she took care of me while I was there. She had a second home in Chattanooga and let me stay there while I job searched for a week. The way she treated me let me know that she was special and my Pawpaw was in good hands.

Forward to 2015 (second picture). She was apart of our Wedding on my Pawpaws porch playing the piano and where her son Rev Robert Carrol married us. She made sure she could do what ever she could to make our day special. She also became very special to our children, specially Mackenzie. Only Gladys could talk as much as Mackenzie does lol.

So much more I could say but to keep this short. I want to end by saying From the bottom of our hearts. Thank You Gladys Walker. We Love You and will miss you until we meet again.



Dustin Rogers - January 09, 2020 at 03:59 PM

JL

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Ms Carroll was a dear friend of my moms, Mildred Snyder. Mom has Alzheimer's so she doesn't know about your moms death. But I know she would be heartbroken. We have pics of my mom and Ms Carroll dressed up as clowns for VBS at church. I loved seeing Ms Carroll's smiling face in the choir at HFBC. She was a sweet sweet lady. Prayers for your family.

Joan Lamar - January 08, 2020 at 07:46 PM

GA

Thank you for your kind words, I remember her speaking about your Mom!

Gina Arnold - January 09, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gladys Carroll Walker.



January 08, 2020 at 09:42 AM

KA

“ days at the lake, egg salad sandwiches (was that her or Marion?) spending the night at her house, candy cane cookies, "Little" Jimmy, Harrison Bay State Park and Chester Frost State Park, piano playing, laughing, Vacation Bible School, bowling with Jimmy, big huge Christmas goodies and stuff, always loving a party and dressing up - these are my memories of Aunt Gladys from my childhood. You will be missed and there may never be another like you!

Kathy - January 08, 2020 at 09:31 AM

TF

“ *The Paul Martin family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gladys Carroll Walker.*



The Paul Martin family - January 08, 2020 at 06:59 AM

GD

“ *My prayers are with this precious family, God bless you Pastor Gene Dasher Union Grove Church of God of Prophecy*

Gene/Edwina Dasher - January 07, 2020 at 10:16 PM

PA

“ *Gladis was a wonderful woman and such a dear friend she will be missed*



patt - January 07, 2020 at 07:50 PM

KP

“ *Kay Young Pickett lit a candle in memory of Gladys Carroll Walker*



Kay Young Pickett - January 07, 2020 at 05:55 PM

KP

Aunt Gladys was one of my favorite Aunts she always made you feel welcome and always smiling, she was with us when Daddy (Walter Young) went to be with the Lord and during his last days, she knew just what to say and do during times of grief. She will always be remembered for her faith in God and taking care of people. I will always remember her homemade candy at Christmas it was better than any store bought and look so pretty. I know she went through Heaven's gate praising God. So Aunt Gladys rest in the Lord and someday we will meet again. Love to all of you and may God comfort you during this time and in days to come.

Kay Young Pickett

Kay Young Pickett - January 07, 2020 at 06:06 PM

NE

“ *Gladys was truly a Saint of GOD. She always smiled through her trials and tribulations and put everyone else before herself. She was my Mothers (Mildred Jackson) sister-in-law, but more than that, they were close friends for many years. They enjoyed each other's company almost every weekend while eating out @ Fehn's Restaurant on the river. My sister's (Pat & Charlotte) and I, will forever be grateful to her for our Mothers TLC as she fought the good fight battling Cancer! Gladys was with her as she slipped away and entered her Heavenly Home. I am convinced our Mother would have wanted it no other way than to have her dearest friend with her all the way. I am also sure that when this precious soul said goodbye to this world and entered her Heavenly Home, GOD said "Welcome Home, my good and faithful servant, you're work on earth is done."She was an amazing, selfless person that is now reaping the rewards of a life well lived! 💕💕*



Norma Emery - January 07, 2020 at 05:05 PM



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Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - January 07, 2020 at 02:34 PM