

Gayle Biddix Garland

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Gayle Biddix Garland, age 70, of Church Road, Boone, passed away Wednesday evening, September 11, 2013, at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

Gayle was born August 27, 1943 in Mitchell County, North Carolina, a daughter of the late Arnce Biddix and Zeola Hall Biddix. Gayle, also known as Mama Gayle, Nana, and Little Mama, was such a joy to the lives of so many. She was a beloved wife and great friend. Gayle was the mother of 2, but she loved the whole community of children. She was the quarterback to both sides of the neighborhood football games, the mother who drove the girls to concerts before they could drive themselves. She was the Nana who would cook biscuits and gravy for as many little boys as her grandsons would bring over for breakfast, and she loved every minute of it.

When Gayle entered a room, it lit up from her ever present smile and her radiance from within. She will be missed terribly by her family and friends.

Gayle is survived by her husband, Carroll E. Garland of the home; one daughter, Sonya Ann Garland and husband C.J. Peterson of Valle Crucis; one son, Carroll Alan Garland and wife Paige of Boone; grandsons Lance Loveless of Raleigh and Ryan Loveless of Johnson City, TN, twin grandsons, Wade and Wyatt Garland of Boone; one step-granddaughter, Lindsey Peterson of Valle Crucis; one sister, Ila Biddix Phillips of Santa Maria, California; one brother, Alan Biddix and wife Melda of Spruce Pine; one sister-in-law, Susan Garland Saunders of Madisonville, Tennessee, and one brother-in-law, Calvin Garland and wife Angie of Atlanta, Georgia. She is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Donna Kay Biddix Burleson and Norma Jean Biddix Woody, and one brother, Lt. Col. Harold Biddix.

Funeral services for Gayle Biddix Garland will be conducted Sunday afternoon, September 15, 2013, at 2:00 o'clock, at Foscoe Christian Church. The body will lie in state, at the church, from 1:00 until 2:00 o'clock. Officiating will be Pastor Dan Burks, Reverend Toby Oliver, and Reverend Mike Lamb. Burial will follow in the Foscoe Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Saturday, from 5:00 until 8:00 o'clock, at Hampton Funeral

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her name to, Grandfather Home for Children, PO Box 98, Banner Elk, North Carolina, 28604.

Online condolences may be sent to the Garland family at www.hamptonfuneralinc.com.

Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.