



Altha Gayle Arney

April 2, 1950 - February 19, 2023

Toano, VA – Altha Gayle (Spence) Arney 72 of Toano, VA died peacefully at her home after a brief illness, surrounded by her family on Sunday February 19, 2023.

Gayle was born April 2, 1950 in War, WV, a daughter of the late Audry and Marcella Stevenson Spence of Tazewell, VA. She was a 1968 Graduate of Graham High School and 1970 graduate of Southwest Virginia Community College. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters Carol Earp of Bluefield, VA and Helen Riley of Titus, AL.

Gayle is survived by her husband of 52 years, Ben Arney of the home, her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Christopher Barton of Yorktown, VA; and grandsons, Ben Barton of Richmond, VA and Alexander Barton of Yorktown, VA.

Graveside services will be conducted Saturday February 25, 2023 at Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum at 11:00 am with Rev. Douglas W. McDaniel, Jr. officiating.

The family will receive friends Friday February 24, 2023 at Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the American Cancer Society or to your favorite charity. Or, since Gayle had become particularly fond of butterflies and hummingbirds the past several years, consider planting a Butterfly Bush or other flowering shrub in celebration of her life.

Those attending services are asked to meet at Mercer Funeral Home by 10:30

Saturday. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Gayle Arney.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
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Graveside Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum
Bluefield, VA 24605

Tribute Wall



“ *Altha Gayle Arney*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Ben*
We are saddened to learn of Gayle's passing.
Please accept our heartfelt condolences
May God bless you and your loved ones with peace and comfort
Ralph and Kathy Umberger

Ralph and Kathy Umberger - February 24, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *Ben, I am so sorry to hear about your loss! I remember Gayle's sweet smile!*
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Love, Hilda

Hilda Muncy - February 24, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Altha Gayle Arney.*



February 22, 2023 at 01:36 PM

SC

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Gayle but I do have the pleasure of being friends with her amazing daughter, Beth. Knowing Beth and her heart tells me exactly how amazing her mom was and I know she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Sending all my love, prayers, and comfort 🙏❤️

Shannon Cournoyer - February 22, 2023 at 10:58 AM

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“ The staff of the American Cancer Fund at www.AmericanCancerFund.org is sorry to hear of Gayle's passing. We have received a memorial donation in her name and our sincere condolences go out to her family.

American-Cancer-Fund - February 22, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Altha Gayle Arney.



February 22, 2023 at 08:44 AM

LH

“ Her smile sure lit up a soccer field! Love and prayers to the entire family ❤️

Linda Hamm - February 21, 2023 at 07:05 PM