



Mary Olive Gilmore

September 4, 1932 - July 20, 2023

Mary Olive Gilmore, a beloved member of the Hardee County community, passed away on July 20, 2023, in Desoto County, Florida. She was 90 years old.

Born on September 4, 1932, in Wauchula, Mary was a lifelong resident of Hardee County. She dedicated her life to serving her community and was highly regarded for her contributions. Mary was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Wauchula, where she served as a lifetime member. She shared her musical talents as a piano player for the church, bringing joy to many through her beautiful melodies.

Mary was also known for her professional accomplishments. She worked as a bookkeeper for Orange Blossom Baptist Association, demonstrating her strong work ethic and attention to detail. Her dedication and commitment to her work were highly valued by her colleagues and community.

In addition to her professional and church involvement, Mary was a loving daughter, wife, sister, and mother. She was preceded in death by her father, G.B. Gause, her mother, Mary (Howze) Gause, her husband, Mercer Duane Gilmore, her sister, Naomi Manley, and husband Morris of Tampa, and her niece Amye Gause.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Clarice Cook, and her husband Bill of

Tampa, her brother, Skipper Gause, and his wife Sandy of Wauchula, 3 nieces, and 2 nephews. Mary's love and warmth will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

A visitation in memory of Mary will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Roberts Garden Chapel from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. A graveside service will follow on Friday, July 28, 2023, at 10 A.M. at Wauchula Cemetery.

Mary Olive Gilmore will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her dedication to her community, and her love for her family. Her legacy will continue to inspire and touch the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **27.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robarts Garden Chapel
529 West Main Street
Wauchula, FL 33873
(863) 773-9773
robartsfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.robartsfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

JUL **28.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Wauchula City Cemetery
1140 South 6th Avenue
Wauchula, FL 33873
(863) 773-3131
http://www.cityofwauchula.com/Pages/WauchulaFL_Cemetery/index

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Rosemary, Samone, Cheryl & Dwight purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Olive Gilmore.



Rosemary, Samone, Cheryl & Dwight - July 27, 2023 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ The Carleton Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Olive Gilmore.



The Carleton Family - July 25, 2023 at 08:44 AM

MA

“ I will miss you so much. I loved to see you and Uncle Duane. Dad would take us to visit yah in Bradenton. There was just something special about yah. I hated it when he went home to Heaven and I know you missed him so much. We would run into each other a lot at Double JJ. We would share some chats. But then I didn't see you anymore I I even would ride by your home, but didn't see you. I love you tell Uncle Duane and family hello. R.I.P. Elizabeth



Mary E. Avalos - July 22, 2023 at 11:56 PM

TW

Sweet Mary. Always our friend!
Tommy and Frances Wood

Tommy and Frances Wood - August 01, 2023 at 12:07 AM

AJ

“*Thank you for being my Wauchula mother... You and Duane were with me through so many of my journeys and traumas with losing my parents and praying for me when daddy was having surgeries and having dinner in your kitchen and laughing at Duane's jokes. I loved you both so much and I am so thankful my father had you as friends. Your picnics at the park and your support through his ministry was a treasure he valued very much. Thank you for being a shelter in the storm, for your unconditional love and for being such a guiding light for me in my times of darkness. I know it is hard to see you go Mary... but you are with Duane and all those who have gone on before you. You are enjoying those streets of gold and playing the piano in heaven now. I love you my sweet friend and my life was better because I had you in it. Praying for your family during this very difficult time. Until we meet again on the other side.*

Anita L Hallam Jones - July 22, 2023 at 01:44 PM