



Gayle Rhea Barrett

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Gayle Gorden (Rhea) Barrett, 82, of Madisonville Texas, passed away on Saturday, June 23, 2018. A celebration of her life is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in Madisonville, with the Rev. Jim Jackson officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Madisonville City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Day Funeral Home Chapel in Madisonville. Gayle was born March 22, 1936 in Wharton, Texas to Floyd Raymond Rhea and Jewel (Gorden) Rhea. She graduated from Wharton High School in 1954. Gayle was named “Miss Wharton County”, “Miss El Campo Splash Day” and “Miss South Texas”. She attended Wharton Junior College where she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, the debate team, the Starlettes Drill Team and was a cheerleader. She graduated with honors from the University of Texas in 1958, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Upon her graduation, she worked for Humble Oil Company. Gayle married Melvin Harold “Buddy” Barrett on January 31, 1959 in Wharton, Texas. Subsequent to their marriage, Buddy and Gayle moved to the family home place in Madisonville, where they raised their four children, Tammy Ann (Barrett) Hoke, Tina Louise Barrett, William Harold Barrett and Raymond Basye Barrett.

Gayle was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Madisonville.

Along with her husband, she was a charter member of Oak Ridge Country Club. She was President of the Country Club's "Fun and Frolic" Ladies Association, and oversaw the publication of their cook book in 1986. She was also a member of the Madison County Museum.

Gayle's greatest love was for her family. She cherished family day each Sunday, with church, lunch, and quality time together. She believed the greatest accomplishment anyone could ever have was to raise their children with Christian values. God blessed Gayle with incredible strength, wisdom and grace. She was a beautiful person inside and out, and always thought of others before herself.

Gayle was preceded in death by her parents and by her sister, Margaret Ellen McMullen. She is survived by her beloved family; husband Melvin Harold "Buddy" Barrett, children Tammy (Barrett) Hoke and husband Jimmy, Tina Louise Barrett, William Harold Barrett and wife Angela, and Raymond Basye Barrett and wife Laura. She is remembered in love by her grandchildren, Lance Edward Hoke, Dana Louise Hoke and Brynna Rhea Barrett. Also left to cherish Gayle's memory are her sisters, Judy Rhea Barbour and Mary Ann Rhea, along with her life-long helper and friend, Ruby Merchant.

Serving as pallbearers are Woody Barrett, Lance Hoke, Atwood Standley, Duane Standley, Jim Standley and Craig Stover. Honorary pallbearers are Kenneth Andrews, W. C. "Bunkin" Bennett, Ray Brown, John Hardy, Don Lasiter, David Stiver and Dave Ward.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to First United Methodist Church of Madisonville, 102 South Mclver Street, Madisonville, Texas 77864.

Cemetery Details

Madisonville City Cemetery

Madisonville, TX

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *A lady with grace and love for everyone she met. The first person I met when I moved to madisonville in 1982. A kind person who welcomed me.*

Regene Baker

Regene Baker - July 30, 2018 at 11:18 PM



BN

“ *I only met Mrs Gayle Barrett a couple years ago but felt upon introduction as tho i knew her all my life . I felt priveledged to have been able to say hello to her one last time . Such a sweet person Praysers to the family on their loss* 🌸

Beth Newton - June 28, 2018 at 06:34 PM

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“ *FERNANDO GRAJALES lit a candle in memory of Gayle Rhea Barrett*

FERNANDO GRAJALES - June 27, 2018 at 08:45 AM





“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gayle Rhea Barrett.*



June 27, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ *Tammy and family I am truly sorry for your loss. Gayle was an inspiration with her big smile and friendly nature. She will be missed and remembered as a very special person. May God give you strength.*



Yvonne Poe - June 26, 2018 at 11:22 PM



“ *Ricardo lit a candle in memory of Gayle Rhea Barrett*



Ricardo - June 26, 2018 at 08:53 PM

WB

“ My Aunt Gayle was a sweet person and a kind soul. She always sent Birthday cards and Christmas cards signed by her and Uncle Buddy to my entire family every year. It was an amazing feat with five in our family. I will always remember her bright eyes and shining smile, always happy to see you, always offering her home for family gatherings and meals. She loved her family, cherished time with her friends and looked forward going to the salon to have her hair done. She always looked so pretty. I never heard her speak badly of anybody, ever. It was always a treat to be at her home and see all of her beautiful plates and dishes she loved to collect. She will be sorely missed, but I know she is in a better place playing cards with her dear friends. Somewhere in the night sky a new star has lit up and I know she's smiling down upon us. We love you Aunt Gayle.
Woody Barrett

Woody Barrett - June 25, 2018 at 08:10 PM

AM

I grew up with Gayle Barrett. She was my cousin on my mother's side of the family. There were 10 of us that spent a lot of time together at our grandparent's house in Glen Flora every summer and we had a wonderful time playing, swimming and eating together. I remember Gayle as a beautiful person, inside and out. She was so much fun to be with, so kind and considerate and she was very smart. She was a wonderful person, and I will miss her very much.

Ann Maddox - June 26, 2018 at 08:32 AM