



## Dorothy Nell Gudger

October 27, 1933 - July 28, 2019

Gudger, Dorothy Nell Garrett. (85/86?) October 27, 1932/1933 (depending on who you believe) –July 28, 2019. She was born in the Locher District near Richland Springs in San Saba County, Texas to Juanita Hart Garrett. She was the shortest of seven children. She grew up and attended schools in Richland Springs, Buchanan Dam, and Llano, Texas. She was heavily involved in anything the school offered including band, basketball, tennis (She became Texas State Champion), Homecoming Sweetheart, and countless clubs and other activities. She attended the University of Houston until she met a young lieutenant from Georgia, Don Gudger. The young couple moved to Ellijay where they raised five kids. She was very active in her church, Sunday school-teacher, Bible school coordinator, Cub-Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout leader, and part time substitute teacher. She attended more sporting events than you can “shake a stick at.” In the bleachers she was famous for her powerful whistle. She was elected to the Gilmer Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. She moved to Lawrenceville in 1971 where she continued to raise her family keeping kids, looking after and feeding coaches. Dot was most known for her devotion to the Georgia Bulldawgs and Atlanta Braves. She is preceded in death by her mother, Juanita, her husband Coach Don Gudger, her son John, daughter Dorothy Lyn, and brothers Jack, Billy, Bobby, Sammy, and sister Rae. She is survived by sons Joe (Tammy), Coach Pat (Felicia), and daughters Rae (Jim), Lisa (Doug) and sister Jo Kaats. Dot was blessed with 9 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family

requests you feed a stranger, get to know your neighbor, say a prayer for the Georgia Bulldawgs. A funeral service will be held 3:00 PM, Friday, August 2, 2019 in the Lawrenceville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home., the family will receive friends 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Friday before the service at the funeral home. The burial will be held at Mountaintown Baptist Church Cemetery, 1:00 PM, Saturday, August 3, 2019 and the family will receive friends 12:00 to 1:00 PM, at the Cemetery. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, S.W., Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. Please leave online condolences at <http://www.stewartfh.com>.

# Cemetery Details

## Mountaintown Baptist Church Cemetery

510 Mountaintown Road  
Ellijay, GA 30540

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road, S.W.  
Lawrenceville, GA

## Visitation

AUG 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mountaintown Baptist Church Cemetery  
510 Mountaintown Road  
Ellijay, GA 30540

## Graveside

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AUG 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mountaintown Baptist Church Cemetery  
510 Mountaintown Road  
Ellijay, GA 30540

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Nell Gudger*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - July 30, 2019 at 05:02 PM

SP

*She was such a beautiful lady and an inspiration to all who knew her! She now has her wings and will serve the Lord. God bless you Dot Gudger!*

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**Sonia Phillips** - July 31, 2019 at 08:02 AM

TE

*What an awesome tribute of her life in pictures for such a beautiful and wonderful lady inside and out. Always doing something for others. I have such sweet memories on Rebecca Street with all the Gudgers. Blessings to you Mrs. Dot and your heavenly family and to your huge extended family you cared for on Earth. Love and prayers to all.*

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**Theresa Burnett Edwards** - July 31, 2019 at 09:18 PM

PK

*Such beautiful tribute!! Great photos of the family! May God Bless you all with peace!*

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**Pat Kerlin** - August 03, 2019 at 08:49 PM



“ *Dorothy Nell Gudger*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM

MW

“ My heart aches for my Gudger family right now, but I know she’s happy seeing PaPa D again and Lynn. One of my favorite memories of Mom was when I was in the 5th grade and had just met her. I came into her house wearing a Ga Tech shirt and quickly realized that I had made a mistake. Her exact words were “ Lord No Chris, you’re going to have to get out of my house wearing that shirt, either take it off or turn it inside out” as she politely pushed my little butt out the door. At that moment is when I realized what a true GA Bulldawg fan was all about. I have a hundred more stories just like this one. I love you Mom. You will be missed. Love to all my Gudger family.

Muddy Waters - August 03, 2019 at 04:35 PM

ML

“ So sorry to hear of Dot's passing. She was my Cub Scout Den Mother and have many memories of her kindness. Her own sons were too old to be in the group but she took us all in. I also have many fond memories of the entire family...Coaches Don Gudger and John Sluder were synonymous with sports in Ellijay for many years. Love to all.

Mitchell Logan  
Brookhaven, GA

Mitchell Logan - August 01, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Nell Gudger.



July 31, 2019 at 08:59 PM

LF

“ Love from, The Spellman Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dorothy Nell Gudger.



Love from, The Spellman Family - July 31, 2019 at 02:42 PM

MF

“ Michael Lusinger and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Nell Gudger.



Michael Lusinger and family - July 30, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - July 30, 2019 at 04:57 PM

EC

“ One of the finest ladies and people I have ever known. She had more adopted children than you could count. She was MAMA to all the football players.

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**Ed Chambers** - July 30, 2019 at 04:04 PM

JW

“ Ms. Gudger,

*I hope you're getting all adjusted to your new Eternal home there in Heaven... You can now, finally, sleep with the Angels each night...*

*Sincerely,*

*Joel Wiley  
Coolidge, GA.*



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**Joel Wiley** - July 30, 2019 at 04:01 PM

ES

“ A life well led... Sweetness to the core. RIP Dot Gudger. You will be sorely missed!

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**Ed & Kay Stanley** - July 30, 2019 at 01:09 PM

AH

“ Stuffed tomatoes, chicken salad, and peaches and cream for coaches during summer practice. Deer breakfast in the fall. Beef brisket for after game gatherings regardless if we won or loss. Hog roasts! Individual packs of Halloween candy every year. Georgia football games at the house. Blue grass festivals in Augusta. I will miss most the great big hugs she gave. MaMa D always let you know you were family. She took care of all of us. She will be sorely missed but never forgotten. God bless the Gudger Family.

*Coach Hag*

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**Alan Hagelthorn** - July 30, 2019 at 12:18 PM

RK

“ Dot was the sweetest lady I have ever known. She was a member of the Senior group at Lawrenceville First United Methodist church(VSP). She was the card sending lady of the group. Received many during my wife's illness. God bless the family as they grieve their loss. Ron Kline

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**Ronald Kline** - July 30, 2019 at 10:39 AM

CH

“ Miss Dot had a heart as big as Texas. She helped me fit in with an established group of educators and into her own family. She will be missed.

*Carol M Huffman*

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**Carol Huffman** - July 30, 2019 at 09:37 AM

AC

“ I never once saw Miss Dot that she didn't have a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. She sure did love her Dawgs and the Braves. Hopefully she's up "there" negotiating a National Championship for the Dawgs and a World Championship for the Braves. Wouldn't that be something!!!

Ann Cameron - July 29, 2019 at 08:30 PM

GJ

Dot was always a bright spot on the days she shopped at the C& K Supermarket while living in Ellijay. Her happy demeanor always brightened our day. Many friends missed her when she moved away.

Glenda Sue Johnson - July 30, 2019 at 11:18 AM

KO

“ Karen and Tom ORourke purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Nell Gudger.

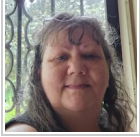


Karen and Tom ORourke - July 29, 2019 at 07:21 PM

CO

“ My family and I go back a long way with Mrs.Gudger she babysat my children after school,they are now in their 40's.Rae was our wonderful babysitter also.Love the Gudger family and feel so sad for your loss.Prayers coming to all of you. Love Cathie Opava formerly Priechenfried 🙏🙏🙏💕

Cathie Opava - July 29, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ *Coach Gudger (Papa Smurf) I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You and your family have all my love and prayers.*



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**Holly Wages** - July 29, 2019 at 04:44 PM