



## Ruby "Gayle" O'Kelley Childs

September 13, 1947 - March 24, 2020

CHILDS - Ruby "Gayle" O'Kelley Childs, age 72 of Grayson, passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. A Private Graveside Service will be held at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Monroe with her son, Rev. Andy Childs, officiating. Gayle was born in Monroe, GA to the late J.T. and Eudora O'Kelley and graduated from Monroe Area High School. She worked for many years at the First Baptist Church of Snellville as an administrative assistant and most recently she was a special needs bus monitor for the Gwinnett County School System. In addition to her parents, Gayle was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Watson Childs, in 2017. She is survived by her sons & daughters-in-law, Andy & Melissa Childs of Toccoa, and Alex & Julie Childs of Hoover, AL; grandchildren, Micah & Jordan Childs of Gainesville, Emilee Childs of Toccoa, Abby, Emma, & Andrew Childs of Hoover, AL; sister, Vicky Croft of Monroe; and brother & sister-in-law, Joey & Janis O'Kelley of Garrison, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gayle Childs Student Ministry Memorial Fund at [www.ebenezerbaptist.com/Gayle](http://www.ebenezerbaptist.com/Gayle). Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, GA 30655. 770-267-2594. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruby "Gayle" O'Kelley Childs*



**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - March 25, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JB

*What a beautiful tribute, and such special memories! To Ruby's family, we are so very sorry for your loss. May God's comfort and strength help bring you through this difficult time. God bless all of you. Joe and Susan Bond, Ebenezer family members.*

**Joe and Susan Bond** - March 26, 2020 at 09:44 AM

LG

*Gone too soon- Mamma Gayle was well loved by many - such an encourager !  
My deepest condolences to the family  
Lyn Guerrant*

**Lyn Guerrant** - March 26, 2020 at 12:43 PM

PM

*Sweet Gayle will be SO missed by many! She had such a gentle, kind spirit!! The only thing that really comforts me is she is with her Larry and with her Savior! Andy, Alex and families please know you're loved and prayed for as you make this huge adjustment to life without your Mama!!*

**Pam McKee** - March 26, 2020 at 12:50 PM

LH

*Words cannot describe who Gayle really was. She was everything the Lord asked her to be. A true friend, a second Mama to probably thousands of young people, through all those years. I worked with her for probably 25 years, and loved every minute. She loved to talk about Disney, of course Mickey. She had a nick-name for me, and I called her "Goofy Gayle"!! We always had so much fun!! I loved her dear family so very much. I know she will be missed more than we can imagine, but the memories she has left for each one of us will last forever. I am so proud of the two young men she left behind, leaving them in God's care. May the Lord walk with you through this sad time, as we ALL will miss her together!! :Lorene Haynes*

**Lorene Haynes** - March 26, 2020 at 11:26 PM

AC

*Loved Mama Gayle! She was such a treasure during my youth group years at FBCS! Forever in our hearts!*

**Audra Arline Crowell** - March 28, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Ruby "Gayle" O'Kelley Childs*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ *A real friend of ours. Sympathy to Andy and Alex and their families.*  
*Jerry Brown*

**jerry brown** - March 28, 2020 at 08:50 PM

AH

“ Mrs. Ruby, as I read your Obituary it is so clear to me that you were so special to so many people. I am having tears right now, just finding out you have to go to be with your Larry but you missed him so much as you mentioned every time you came to see me. I won't forget every time you told me to call you Gayle and not Ruby, but I called you Ruby because, well that's who you were to me. I loved you and I enjoyed taking care of you and seeing your beautiful face every month. Prayers going up for the Family! Go rest High on that Mountain Ruby!

Love,  
Audrey Horn

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**Audrey Horn** - March 27, 2020 at 10:20 AM

SM

“ I have such fond memories of Gayle. Once, while on a youth trip to Toccoa, she went with our son, Chris, to the emergency room and gave us a call that he was alright. She was such a fun person.. for a while we were in a Red hat ladies group and Gayle was the “queen””. She sometimes had her crown and scepter with her when we ate out. Gayle was there to pray with you over any needs you had, too. She was such a prayer warrior! One time she delivered a blue willow cup and saucer to my mailbox after finding out how much I liked that pattern. There are too many memories to share, but just know how much she was adored! I'm asking our dear Lord to comfort you all with His love and peace. We all know Gayle is with our Lord and Savior and she's with her beloved Larry, now, too, With love and prayers,  
Sandy and David Moore, Macon, Ga

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**Sandy Moore** - March 27, 2020 at 09:24 AM

KF

“ Thoughts & Prayers to Andy, Alex and their families .  
Mama Gayle is a treasure! I am honored to have known her as a friend. We go wayyyyy back to First Baptist Snellville. We had so many laughs, especially on the bus to many, many youth trips and sharing a hotel room on those adventures! She was always so sweet and thoughtful to leave little gifts in people’s mailboxes on birthdays and holidays. She even had an idea one YEAR that a group of her girl friends would go and surprise a girl at her house on her birthday. We did several of those sneak up celebrations that year! Mama Gayle loved people including, of course, her family-children and grand children! I enjoyed all her stories about them and her many Disney World trips! She was my go to person for any Disney questions before my family would plan a trip there. She loved her job at FBCS and later working on the school bus. She liked helping those kids. I’ll miss her smile and her calling me “Wild Woman” -her nick name for me. She loved her church and we all know her love for the Lord Jesus Christ! I know she is happy to be in Heaven with sweet Larry and her parents. She may even be eating a McDonalds Happy Meal! We miss you here on earth, but we’ll see you again one day Mama Gayle.

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**Kim Flynn** - March 26, 2020 at 03:21 PM

BK

“ You will forever be known as Momma Gayle. One of the sweetest most loving women I have ever met. God opened His doors to welcome you home. You will be forever missed Momma Gayle. Enjoy the reunion with your precious and sweet hubby you have missed for so long.

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**Bobbie Kern** - March 26, 2020 at 01:53 PM

JB

“ Heaven as a special angel in its midst. I worked with Gayle at First Baptist Church of Snellville when I was in high school. When my grandfather committed suicide she treated like another son. Gayle named me the Wild Man playing around with trying to get me to smile during that difficult time. I still have the tie dye shirt I got made in Panama City during a church summer camp. Andy and Alex I know she is so proud of the you for the Christian men you are as she looks down from Heaven. Praying for your family. Gayle I will always be your Wild Man AKA  
Jason Bennett

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**Jason Bennett** - March 26, 2020 at 12:31 PM

MB

“ Praying for you all. Mama Gayle was a special person and touched the lives of so many.

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**Melanie Brown** - March 26, 2020 at 11:29 AM

PB

“ Thinking of you in the loss of your very sweet family member .  
She was a special lady loved by all who met her !

*Paulette & WH Britt*

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**Paulette Britt** - March 26, 2020 at 09:46 AM

EA

“ Sending prayers from Texas to the family and friends of Gayle O’Kelley Child’s. Gayle’s vibrant and optimistic personality imprinted all of her friends and acquaintances. Her family and friends “must grieve not rather find strength in what remains behind.” She was a joy to know and such a sweet Georgia friend. She will be missed by many.

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**Emily Adams** - March 26, 2020 at 09:32 AM

GP

*Georgia Mary Peterson are praying for the family*

**George and Mary Peterson** - March 26, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ruby "Gayle" O'Kelley Childs.*



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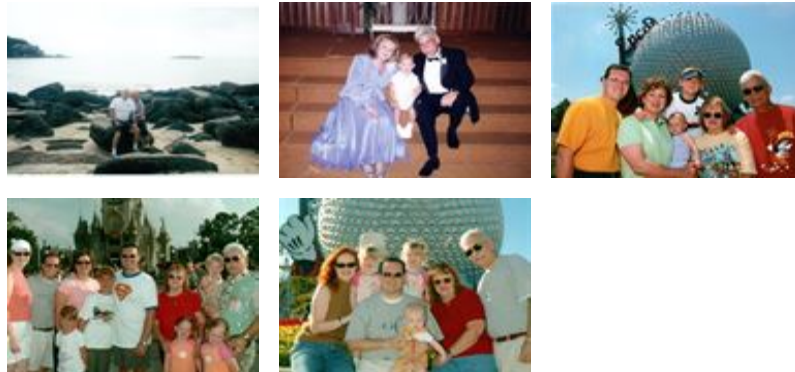
DF

“ *Gayle touched the lives of many youths and their families.....she loved coming to her "kids" showers, weddings, and seeing their babies. She always had a smile and warm hug when she saw you. We will all miss her.*

**Debbie Futrell** - March 25, 2020 at 05:43 PM



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