



## Gayle Collier Smith

January 14, 1943 - March 8, 2013

Funeral services for Mrs. Gayle Berniece Smith, 70, of Louisiana, Missouri will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, Missouri. Dr. Earl Wood will officiate. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12th at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana, Missouri. Gayle passed away Friday, March 8, 2013 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

She was born January 14, 1943 in Kansas City, Missouri the daughter of George M. Collier and Berniece Brown Collier.

She married Allen R. Smith August 24, 1962 at the home of her parents in Louisiana and he survives.

Gayle is also survived by her daughter, Paige Suanne Alexander and husband Jeff of Chesterfield, Missouri, Four grandsons; Chase Collier, Christian Michael, Cameron Allen and Carter Jack Alexander all of Chesterfield, Missouri and a sister, Suanne Gage of Charlotte, North Carolina, Nephews; Justin Gage and wife, Mellissa of Los Angeles, California and Tyler Gage and wife, Amy of Charlotte, North Carolina, Sister-in-law, Pansy Smith of Pleasant Hill, Illinois, an Aunt, Berniece Brown of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Nieces and Nephews, Great Nieces and Great Nephews and cousins

She was preceded in death by a daughter Gayle Rae Smith who passed away in infancy, grandson Caleb Jeffrey Alexander passed away at birth, her mother, Berniece Collier who passed away October 9, 1993 and her father, George M. Collier who passed away October 25, 2012.

Gayle graduated from the Louisiana High School with the class of 1961. She was a medical assistant at the Pike County Medical Clinic in Louisiana for a few years, followed by employment at Stark Bro's Garden Center. Because of her love for designing landscape she was affectionately nicknamed, "the garden center lady" by her family, and was always pleased to be the consultant on many of their landscaping endeavors. She then decided to pursue her life long desire to become a Nurse, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Hannibal LaGrange College at Hannibal, Missouri. After graduation she was employed at the Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana as a Registered Nurse, where she quickly found her niche serving as the house supervisor on the evening shift until her retirement. Gayle was blessed with an abundance of lifelong friendships started during her working years in Louisiana. Even after her retirement, Gayle still cherished these bonds. The next chapter in her life began with the birth of Chase Collier Alexander, and she joyfully began the position of GG (Grandma Gayle) to her four grandsons. This was to be her proudest accomplishment. Gayle took the greatest enjoyment in being ever present in their lives and had even taken up temporary residence, along with PaPa Al just a few miles away from them in St. Louis. Friday nights were special for the boys because they would spend the night at GG and PaPa's house. The evening would begin with a trip to the grocery store to stock up on all their favorite treats. Gayle spent her last years attending all things related to them and was their friend, confidant, and cheerleader. GG was an exceptional grandmother.

Gayle always had a kind word and a smile for those in need, and was always generous at heart. She was well known for her caring concern for others and was always willing to listen, lend a shoulder to cry on, or provide advice if it was sought.

Gayle was a member of the First Baptist Church in Louisiana, a member of PEO Chapter GH, and a member of the Louisiana Town Club.

Gayle was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Words cannot express the profound sorrow felt at her passing, and she will be greatly

missed by her family.

Pallbearers are: Karl Dewey, Philip Smith, Galen Johnson, Mick Garrett, Reginald L. Penberthy and Walter Logan.

Memorials may be given to C.A.P.A. Animal Shelter or to the First Baptist Church in care of Collier Funeral Homes, Inc., 117 Barnard Dr., Louisiana, MO 63353

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

N. B Street  
Louisiana, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle Collier Smith*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Gayle Collier Smith*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear about your loss. Gayle was my friend at Kroger for many years. I will miss her. Gloria Harrington, Austin, Texas*



**Gloria Harrington** - April 03, 2013 at 09:19 PM



“ *Glen lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



**Glen** - March 13, 2013 at 07:28 PM

BT

“ Many fond memories of my friend Gayle. Classmates at LHS, teen experiences, our parents guidance always on the same page. Same church friends & alot of fun at our summers at Girl Scout Camp. Last time we saw each other was at our class reunion. Gayle still had that personality that was a friend to all of us. I know her spirit is with all of her family today & forever.

*Barbara*

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**Barbara Thomas** - March 13, 2013 at 04:36 PM

MC

“ Margaret (Dillender) Cordry lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



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**Margaret (Dillender) Cordry** - March 13, 2013 at 03:37 PM

BL

“ Bryce,Doris,Bryca And Anna Love lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



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**Bryce,Doris,Bryca and Anna Love** - March 13, 2013 at 08:45 AM

JK

“ *Jen Kodner lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Jen Kodner** - March 13, 2013 at 08:02 AM

JR

“ *Julie Strode Reese lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Julie Strode Reese** - March 12, 2013 at 08:00 PM

BC

“ *It is my loss to have never met this obviously wonderful woman. I know this to be true because she raised a caring wonderful daughter, my dear friend Paige. My heart aches for Paige, her dad Al and their extended family. May all who have known Gayle speak of her often, keeping the memory of her ever-present and her loving, jovial and happy spirit alive. Barbara Combs*

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**Barbara Combs** - March 12, 2013 at 05:25 PM

DP

“ My sympathy & prayers to Al, Paige & family. Gayle was a wonderful person. I loved when she would come to the med surg floor from ER at PCMH to see how we were doing & would tell funny stories. She was the best at it, she always made me laugh with the way she told us about things that happened with the family or whatever. She will be missed by all who worked with her or knew her. Sincerely, Debbie Pederson

Debbie Pederson - March 12, 2013 at 04:06 PM

TT

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Smith and Alexander families.

The Turcos' - March 12, 2013 at 01:35 PM

TT

“ The Turcos' lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



The Turcos' - March 12, 2013 at 01:06 PM

KR

“ so sorry for you loss mr smith may god be with you and your family

ken and kathy resor - March 12, 2013 at 11:18 AM

TH

“ Our deepest condolences to Gayle's family. May God comfort and guide during the days ahead. Hold dear the many memories you have shared through sorrow, laughter, conversations, for she is still there in your heart, so close.

Todd Mahn, Mahn Funeral Homes - March 12, 2013 at 11:16 AM

SB

“ I have so many childhood memories that involve both of our families. I also had the unique opportunity to attend college at Hannibal LaGrange at the same time Gayle was getting her nursing degree. She was a motherly figure to so many young college kids up there. Everyone loved her. It was awesome to see her following a dream at that age. She was an amazing woman and will be missed by many.



Stephanie Browning - March 12, 2013 at 09:41 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry for your loss! May God be with your family during this difficult time.



Diane Todd - March 12, 2013 at 07:10 AM

WW

“ Wendy Alexander, Rob And Donna Windmille lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Wendy Alexander, Rob and Donna Windmille - March 12, 2013 at 06:46 AM

SH

“ Susan Henry-Reichard lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Susan Henry-Reichard - March 11, 2013 at 10:28 PM

BR

“ Brenda lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



brenda - March 11, 2013 at 10:25 PM

BR

*to a dear , , friend , who I love very much , my heart is sad , my tears roll , a time of mourning I spend for you ,*

brenda - March 11, 2013 at 10:34 PM

Starla Ringhausen Carroll

“ She was my preceptor when i started as an RN at PCMH. we became fast friends, there wasn't anything i couldn't tell or and nothing that i didn't share with her. she always listened to people and really cared, she gave an honest answer in the least painful manner possible. gayle was a true lady and a friend that i will never forget.

Starla Ringhausen Carroll - March 11, 2013 at 10:16 PM

JS

“ Allen, i,am so sorry for your loss. May God bless ou. Help you and famiy thru your loss.  
Joyce Sutton

Joyce Sutton - March 11, 2013 at 10:16 PM

MS

“ Mary Sutter lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Mary Sutter - March 11, 2013 at 09:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gayle Collier Smith.



March 11, 2013 at 08:56 PM

DC

“ Deepest sympathy, Paige. :(



Dona Corbin-Thomas - March 11, 2013 at 08:27 PM

LB

“ I told Paige Gayle was "some woman" and she was. We were coworkers at the hospital, but we shared a personal life of howling laughter with Vickie K away from work.....what fond memories. Gayle had such an uncommon voice...gravely and with such inflection that I can still hear her distinctly, and oh when she'd roll those eyes....you knew you just had to get her aside and find out what was up. I love you dear friend, I have an entire mental album of good times that I will never forget.

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**Linda Black** - March 11, 2013 at 06:18 PM

JB

“ With deepest sympathy.

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**Joyce Bokor** - March 11, 2013 at 06:13 PM

SO

“ I have such fond memories of Gayle being at church camp with me back in our tween years. We always stayed fond friends and shared lots of laughs about the stunts that we pulled . I loved her smile and giggle. My deepest sympathy to her family during this time of loss.  
Susie Rittenhouse Oberdahlhoff  
Bowling Green, MO

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**Susie Oberdahlhoff** - March 11, 2013 at 06:09 PM

JW

“ Our memories of growing up with Gayle and her sister are so precious and our thoughts and prayers are with her family. Jim and Judy Word



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**Judy Word** - March 11, 2013 at 04:06 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gayle Collier Smith.*



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March 11, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ *Jim & Janice Griffith lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Jim & Janice Griffith** - March 11, 2013 at 12:58 PM



“ *Thinking of your family during this difficult time.*

*John and Beth Todd*

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**Beth Todd** - March 11, 2013 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beth Todd lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Beth Todd** - March 11, 2013 at 11:56 AM

GD

“ *Glenda Dowell lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Glenda Dowell** - March 11, 2013 at 11:19 AM

MM

“ *Mac & Susie McMahon lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Mac & Susie McMahon** - March 11, 2013 at 11:18 AM

MJ

“ *Marilyn Johnsons lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Marilyn Johnsons** - March 11, 2013 at 10:40 AM

GB

“ *Gail Branstetter lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Gail Branstetter** - March 11, 2013 at 10:02 AM

NG

“ Nancy & Marla Geeson lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Nancy & Marla Geeson - March 11, 2013 at 09:55 AM

TS

“ Please know that the Sheltons are sorry to hear about Mrs. Collier-Smith's passing. Her family will be in our thoughts and prayers.



The Sheltons - March 11, 2013 at 09:46 AM

VA

“ Vicky Sparks Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Vicky Sparks Aldridge - March 11, 2013 at 09:31 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gayle Collier Smith.



March 11, 2013 at 09:04 AM

SF

“ *Starla And Bub Carroll Family lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Starla and Bub Carroll family** - March 11, 2013 at 08:46 AM

SW

“ *Steve & Kathy Waite & Eileen Waite lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Steve & Kathy Waite & Eileen Waite** - March 11, 2013 at 08:34 AM

  
Michelle  
Day

“ *Michelle Day lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith*



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**Michelle Day** - March 11, 2013 at 07:56 AM

PA

“ *I miss you Mother!*

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**Paige Alexander** - March 11, 2013 at 07:35 AM

RM

“ Robbyn Morris lit a candle in memory of  
Gayle Collier Smith



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**Robbyn Morris** - March 11, 2013 at 06:55 AM

GT

“ Gary & Carol Tolbert lit a candle in memory of  
Gayle Collier Smith



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**Gary & Carol Tolbert** - March 10, 2013 at 11:40 PM

JD

“ Al so sorry to hear of Gayle's passing just wanted to tell you that  
your family is in my thoughts and prayers God Bless Jane Keller  
Daniels

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**Jane Keller Daniels** - March 10, 2013 at 09:58 PM

CT

“ Chuck & Debbie Tophinke lit a candle in  
memory of Gayle Collier Smith



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**Chuck & Debbie Tophinke** - March 10, 2013 at 09:15 PM

TF

“ Please know that Don & Pat Bronson are very sorry to hear of Gayle's passing. We won't be back in Louisiana for at least another week, but know we care. May God bring peace to your hearts through your time of sorrow.



**The Bronson Families.** - March 10, 2013 at 08:23 PM

DE

“ Donna Ellison lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



**Donna Ellison** - March 10, 2013 at 08:23 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Penrod lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



**Dorothy Penrod** - March 10, 2013 at 08:05 PM

KB

“ Kay Shive Black lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



**Kay Shive Black** - March 10, 2013 at 07:29 PM

BP

“ Bank Of LA- West, Shirley, Peggy, Theresa lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Bank of LA- West, Shirley, Peggy, Theresa - March 10, 2013 at 07:29 PM

MG

“ Michelle Garrison lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Michelle Garrison - March 10, 2013 at 07:18 PM

RL

“ Robert & Kim Lumley lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Robert & Kim Lumley - March 10, 2013 at 07:14 PM

AB

“ Allan And Patty Bolton lit a candle in memory of Gayle Collier Smith



Allan and Patty Bolton - March 10, 2013 at 06:42 PM



*MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL R.I.P MY FRIEND YOU WILL BE MISS*

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**MAMIE MOSBY** - March 13, 2013 at 06:58 AM