



Mrs. Gale Williams

June 15, 1953 - May 24, 2019

Gale Williams, 65, child of God, went home on May 24, 2019. She was born June 15, 1953, Sherry Gale Clark, was raised in Gulfport, MS where she grew up on the water with her siblings and her parents, Robert F. and Johnel Clark. After graduating from Gulfport, MS High School, Gale attended Mississippi State University where she earned a degree in Animal Science in 1975. Gale met, and eventually married, her college sweetheart, Fred Williams. During their 44 years of marriage, she was an active supporter of Fred's career with Purina Mills, Inc. while also enjoying a career in pre-school education. Having a heart for animals and children was a hallmark of Gale's life and she was never far from either. Gale also enjoyed, and greatly excelled in, her hobbies of decorative painting, crafts, interior design, sewing and cooking, while sharing those talents generously with others. Perhaps Gale's most favorite role in her lifetime was that of "Gigi" to her granddaughters: Allie, Taylor and Riley. In addition to her loving grandchildren, Gale is survived by her husband, Fred; daughters, Candice Coletti (Paul) of Plant City and Krista Gonce (Daniel) of Peachtree City, Georgia; brother, Bob Clark; sister, Karen O'Callaghan (Gary) all of Dickinson, TX; brother-in-law, Marty Williams (Lynette) of Madison, Mississippi; and several loving nieces and nephews. Gale was a member of First Baptist Church Plant City where she extended her faith by being a living testimony to many. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Plant City (new campus), 3309 James L. Redman Pkwy, where the family will receive friends

beginning at 10:00 A.M In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the new preschool & children's playground construction project at First Baptist Church Plant City. Expressions of condolence at HopewellFuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L. Redman Parkway
Plant City, FL

Memorial Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gale Williams



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 29, 2019 at 10:39 AM

BH

“ I remember my our first meeting 23 years ago this May. We had just moved in and attended our neighborhood BBQ. She very cheerfully welcomed us to Plant City and then asked if we had found a church home yet. She urged us to come to hers and her SS class. We did. She will be greatly missed. All of my memories of her are memories of joy. Love and prayers.

Barbara Houser - June 01, 2019 at 06:54 AM

DB

“ Mrs. Gale has been an amazing friend to my family all of my life. I know she loved others immensely and had the best of hearts. I couldn't be more thankful to her for her years of devoted friendship she gave to my mother Katrina, and my father Andy. I am so very sorry for the void that will be left in her families lives. Sending lots of love and prayers to the Williams family.
- Drew Bowers

Drew Bowers - May 31, 2019 at 01:53 PM

KK

“ Sending love and prayers for my cousins. Maybe my sister and Gale are doing some crazy new dance again (like the "pony") up in heaven! I was just the tag along lil sis always trying to be cool like them.

Kathy (Malti) Kennedy - May 31, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



May 31, 2019 at 10:56 AM

LS

“ Fred

Carolyn and I send up prayers for you and your entire family during this difficult time.

I am so glad that Gale got to see her Children grow up, and spend time with here on earth with her grandchildren as well.

Your Purina friend

Leonard Saddler

Leonard Saddler - May 31, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



May 31, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ Fred,
I have waned to call but just could not, you and Gale have been a major part of our lives for so many years we consider you family. Our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Patti and Danny Smith

Danny Smith - May 31, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



May 30, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



May 30, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 30, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 30, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 30, 2019 at 10:04 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 29, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 29, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *You are my Sissy. That will never change. I have the day you almost killed me on a horse. I have the day I laughed at you trying to get on one. I have and Shalom to you. I have going thru buckets of rock so you could make something pretty for your girls. I have years of sending you pictures that made you say "there is something wrong with you ", pictures that made you laugh, I have a lifetime of memories with you Sissy. That is what is mine and I will always have forever. I can't wait for you to see my new tatoo. It will be in the honor, respect, unconditional and eternal love that I have for you*

Karen Ocallaghan - May 29, 2019 at 01:35 PM



REST EASY LOVE YA

Jenn coley - May 29, 2019 at 02:01 PM

GS

“ Gale and Fred have taught us what true faith in Christ looks like. It is easy to be a believer when life is smooth and easy. They showed us how to live as believers when life got hard. The darker the days, the brighter Gale's faith shined.

Look at that smile. Gale will be remembered by everyone that came into contact with her and she will be remembered for her hope and faith in the time of adversity.

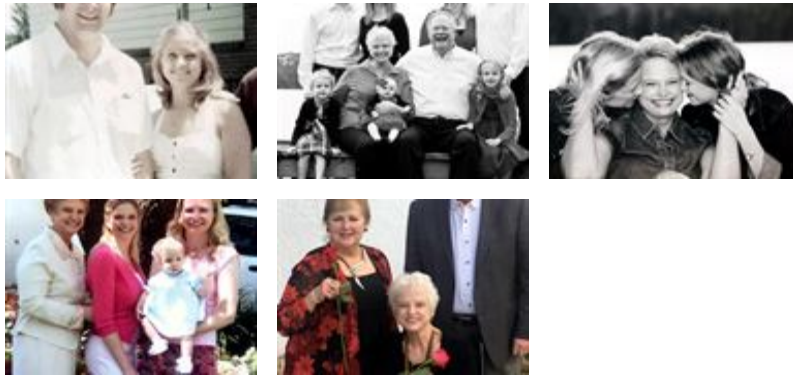
Fred, we grieve with you and for you. You are now separated from your partner, but ---- only for a moment.

Glenn & Karen Shields

Glenn Shields - May 29, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - May 29, 2019 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ Fred,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. I always enjoyed spending time with you and Gail. Made a lot of memories and times to cherish. She was special in so many ways. I know she is rejoicing with the Lord and is in no pain. May the Lord watch over you and keep you in his arms.
Love,
Jill, Matt and Heath and families

Jill Huesman - May 28, 2019 at 10:03 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



May 28, 2019 at 07:14 PM

RF

“ Gale was a very sweet and giving friend to both Brenda and me. She and Fred went out of there way to help us when I was diagnosed and started treatment. Every time I started something new she would explain what was going to happen and tell me not to worry. I will always be indebted to her for all she did for me. As I look back we had some great times at many Purina events and at Disney with the grand kids. We will miss her very much but we know she is in a better place. May God Bless Fred and the Family and help them thru this sad time. Love Richard and Brenda.

Richard and Brenda Fore - May 28, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ Purina -OTOPS purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



Purina -OTOPS - May 28, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ Gale is one of God’s warriors. She has fought mightily for many years with a smile on her face and the radiant glow of her inner spirit so evident. Skip and I have prayed daily for Gale and Fred for many years. The angels are rejoicing her Home coming. We will continue to pray for Fred and all of Gale’s family. Our sincere condolences. Skip and Brenda Mclsaac.

Brenda Mclsaac - May 28, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



May 28, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ Your Friends and Family at Purina Animal Nutrition purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.



Your Friends and Family at Purina Animal Nutrition - May 28, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 28, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 28, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Fred, much love to you and your family. We'll be thinking about you in the days ahead. Miss Gale was a special lady - full of grace and goodness.*

Chris and Dawn Franklin

Chris Franklin - May 28, 2019 at 09:04 AM

SC

“Mizz Gale,” as we always called her, was a light in our lives. She was my mom’s best friend and she always treated my family like her family. Her bright eyes lit up every room she entered and her laugh and smile made our hearts full.

So many wonderful memories we shared! She made my wedding flowers with such attention and joy...her memory is wrapped in each flower, and I think of her whenever I look at those photos. I remember how I got her a pie bird to add to her collection to thank her for all she did, and how I never knew what a pie bird was before that. ❤️

I loved all of her projects, and how she was able to create such beautiful things with her artistic eye and her own special style. And no one made a better peach cobbler!

Gale was a beautiful example of strong faith in our Lord...she faced more trials than most people, but she also had even more capacity for love and joy and perseverance than most people. She taught me what it means to keep your faith no matter what. We are all better for having had her in our lives.

Mizz Gale, I know you have the most gorgeous angel wings now. Thank you for being my friend.

- Stephanie Curl

Stephanie Curl - May 27, 2019 at 10:51 PM

CC

“ God puts people in our lives for many reasons. Gale came into my life, not just to make it better but to show me how much love a friend can give. She was always there to lift me up and to share her wisdom. I was blessed to call her my friend for 25 years. I look around my home and see the many craft projects we did together & the gifts she shared with me. Such fun & happy memories.

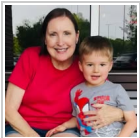
Rest In Peace my friend. You have surely earned your reward in heaven. Such wonderful memories your daughters and granddaughters will have of you. You were a Great GiGi!

Fred, Gale could not have asked for a more devoted husband. You were such a great team! I'll continue to pray for you and your beautiful family.

I love you all!

Cindy Card

Cindy Card - May 27, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ On Greentree Parkway in Lake Wildwood Macon, GA, Tim and I were privileged to have Fred and Gale as neighbors. This was the years of starting our families. Gale was a wonderful Mom to her two girls. Although Gale faced health issues early in adulthood, she continued to put Fred and her daughters as her priority and loved every minute. Years and miles have separated us, but Gale's smile will stay with me forever. Love never ends. Joy and Tim Ellis
Flowery Branch, GA

Joy Ellis - May 27, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gale Williams.*



May 27, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *Praying God will comfort you and your family and bless the memories of Gale you hold in your heart. With prayer and sympathy, Chan, Kellie & Taylor Melton*

Kellie - May 27, 2019 at 03:07 PM



“ *Fred and family,*

All of us who knew Gale recognize just how special she was! Her faith, perseverance, love of family & friends, and that infectious smile are the things that I will remember most. Quite a lady!

My prayers are with you all during this very difficult time!

Ron Allison - May 27, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ *Mrs. Gale is such a sweet lady and a beautiful soul. She always spoke kindly to everyone around her and brought smiles through her kindness. I always enjoyed visiting her peaceful home and appreciated how attentively she listened to me. She taught me a lot. I'll think of her whenever I visit Plant City.*

Peter J. Card - May 27, 2019 at 09:53 AM

TG

“ We are grieving at Gale's passing, but she is restored and resting in the sweet arms of Jesus, and in that we find solace in our grief.

Terrill and Evelyn Gonce - May 27, 2019 at 09:50 AM

DJ

“ Fred I will never forget the beautiful smile Gale had at your retirement party. It was a pleasure to meet her that night even though the pain she was experiencing wasn't visible. God has blessed Gale with a very special place in Heaven. Love Y'all, Darrell Jones

Darrell Jones - May 26, 2019 at 06:11 PM



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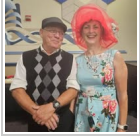


May 26, 2019 at 06:00 PM

PH

“ Fred and family,
Peggy and I send our condolences as well.
She was always a gracious lady
Paul Hann

Paul Hann - May 26, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ I had the privilege to meet Mrs Williams only one time, and from that meeting I felt her sweet spirit and kind and generous heart. I would think of her and Mr Williams now and then and hope they were well. What an impact from one brief encounter. It was my privilege! I pray for peace for the Williams family.
Patti Pate

Patti Pate - May 26, 2019 at 06:29 AM

LP

“ Praying for that peace that passes understanding. Love ya, Luisa

luisa pricw - May 25, 2019 at 08:30 PM

RD

“ I was Married to Gales Mother Johneil and I always enjoyed our visits. Gale was as nice a Person as I have ever known and I Love her and know I will see her again. I Pray for continued Peace and Comfort for Fred Her Children and GrandChildren



Robert Dunaway - May 25, 2019 at 06:45 PM

MK

“ Gale, in spite of more challenges than most, purposely lived life with a comforting word for others and a quick smile for all. May God comfort her family and I am looking forward to seeing her again in His kingdom.

Matthew & Barbara Ketcham - May 25, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SS

I was seven years old when Gale was born and was heart broken for I thought Johneil wouldn't love me anymore.

Johneil came out to the car I was in, crying my eyes out. She wanted to name her precious baby after me. I said no to Sharon and ok to Gale. She then said, "How about Sherry Gale?" I thought that was a good name and finally went in to see the new baby.

I warmed up to her pretty quickly. The first Summer I spent with Johneil, Flynn and Gale sealed the deal for me. She was my little sister and we had great fun together. Gale loved riding around on my shoulders, dancing around. She would laugh and laugh!

When she was about 6-7 years old, she showed me how she could water ski! I was so proud of her, what a little athlete! I can still see her zipping across the water, big smile on her face, hair blowing in the wind and so happy!! This is how I will remember my precious Gale, smiling, laughing and blue eyes sparkling. Until we meet again my Gale. I love you, dearly.

May the Lord's peace and love be with your family and comfort them always.

Fred, thank you for the love and care you gave Gale all these many years.

Sharon Foretich Smith - May 25, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ *May God Bless the Family in this time of need and sorrow.*
Rollin L. Schwab

Rollin Schwab - May 25, 2019 at 04:58 PM

JW

“ *What a beautiful picture and sweet obituary. Gale has gotten to see Ireland from a heavenly window today. Praise God for His goodness that we had her this long (never enough, though) after so many times of sickness.*

She loved all of her family so much. My phone has pictures and videos that she shared with me and I treasure every one. Jimmy and I are praying for God's peace for each of you. We will see you Saturday. Much love, Jane

Jane Williams - May 25, 2019 at 01:50 PM

FR

“ We are at PEACE that Gale is in her new body and finally free of any pain with her same beautiful smile.

Love, Fred

Fred - May 25, 2019 at 01:30 PM

Jl

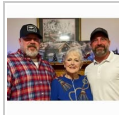
Fred and family Rebecca and I are very sorry for your loss. May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace in knowing she's in the arms of Jesus.

jim Iverson - May 25, 2019 at 03:57 PM

NS

Fred, We are praying for you, Candice, Krista and your granddaughters. Gale was such a lovely person - we are sad but also thankful for her time here allowed by God. What an inspiration she was! - shining through her years of suffering. Her faith was strong and her radiant smile - unforgettable. We're grateful that now her suffering has ended and that she is enjoying being with the Lord and receiving His promises. May God be with you, bless and comfort you.
Love Nancy and Stan

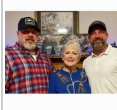
Nancy & Stan Scantlin - May 25, 2019 at 04:45 PM



So many memories! Gale had such a sense of humor. She had the knack of making you feel better when you needed it. She was also good at making me look at things from a different perspective when I needed to. Our children are the same ages. We met when our youngest were around two years old. That's almost 36 years of fun trips, hanging out, good meals, laughter, and treasured conversations in person or by phone. Through the years as she and Fred moved to different places our friendship remained. Sometimes she and Fred would just show up and you knew they loved you. Like when Tom was in the hospital last August. I look up and there they are! We will miss that smile, that love she never hesitated to show. We love you Sherry Gale. And our hearts break for you Fred, Candice and Krista and your families.

Much love,
Tom and Sandra Cherry

Sandra Cherry - May 26, 2019 at 10:08 AM



I just have to add something about Gale to my post. She was an Angel to my Mom the time she loved in Macon. She took Candice and Krista to the nursing home to visit her. The girls would do Mom's nails. Several times she would get the CNAS to pick Mom up and put her in Gale's car. Then Gale would ride her around to see the Cherry blossoms. It did Mom so much good to have that special treatment. It helped me tremendously as we had been transferred to Atlanta and I couldn't be there everyday like I had been. Not many go there extra mile like that. She did. And I'll never forget it. I'm sure my Mama was waiting with open arms for Gale.

Sandra

Sandra Cherry - May 26, 2019 at 10:15 AM

RB

*Fred, our prayers are with you and your family.
Ron and Ramona Van Buren*

Ronald E Van Buren - May 27, 2019 at 02:06 PM