



Azzie Lee Gravitt

November 7, 1929 - June 22, 2023

Azzie Lee (Loyd) Gravitt passed away Thursday, June 22nd at her daughter's home in Springville, Alabama after a lengthy illness. Azzie Lee, along with her twin sister, Rosie Lee were born to Johnie and Bertha (Gilbert) Loyd on November 7th, 1929 in Dawson, Alabama near Lusk Chapel. She moved to Fort Payne with her family in 1944 and finished high school at Dekalb County High School in 1948. She met the love of her life, Floyd Van Gravitt in 1947 and was married in Rising Fawn, Georgia on January 22, 1949. They were blessed with a son, Terry Van and a daughter, Gwendolyn during their marriage. They enjoyed 44 years of marriage before Floyd passed away in 1993. She was a wonderful wife and mother and instilled the love for God and others in her children and grandchildren over the years. Azzie was a faithful member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church for 70 years and served in numerous roles in the church—Sunday School teacher, WMU leader, GA leader and member of the choir.

Azzie had the heart of hospitality. She was the queen of Sunday lunch and many pastors at Mount Carmel enjoyed her wonderful cooking after the church service. If you were a guest in her house, her friendly and generous reception always made you feel welcome and you never left hungry! She loved preparing huge holiday meals and having the family gather around to enjoy the feast. Opening her heart and home was born out of her love for God and serving others. She truly reflected God's heart for people. If you knew

Azzie, you know she always had a smile on her face. This beautiful smile was from the deepest part of her heart and always made you feel accepted and loved. God used her smile and sweet personality to reach people with His love wherever she went.

Azzie wore many hats in her life and was no stranger to work! She helped her father on the farm and picked cotton alongside her sisters. Early in her career in the late 1940's, she worked as a telephone operator, manually connecting callers on a switchboard. Next, she went into retail and began working at J. C. Penney as a sales associate. She also worked at Sears Roebuck when the catalog business was booming. Next she moved up to management and became the manager of a variety store in Fort Payne for several years. The next hat she wore was her banking hat and worked at First Federal Bank (now First Fidelity Bank) until she retired. During this time, she also moonlighted at Wilson Funeral Home as a receptionist working there well into her 80s. Azzie was loved by all and made a difference in the lives of many. Azzie embodied an inner elegance—her dignity would lift you up and her grace would comfort you! She had an outer elegance too—almost always in a beautiful dress or snazzy suit and heels!

She leaves behind family members that loved her dearly—her daughter and son-in-law, Gwen and David Hill, daughter-in-law, Darlene Gravitt, 6 grandchildren, Joey (Jenny) Gravitt, Bridget (Chris) Graham, Jonathon Gravitt, Sonya (Matt) Meeks, Valarie (Kelly) Moses, Russell (Katie) Hill, 8 great grandchildren, Joshua (Adrean) Gravitt, Jayla (Peyton) Smith, Keelyn Graham, Brookston Graham, Sydney Moses, Brady Moses, Juliette Walker, JohnieRae Hill; 1 great-great grandchild, Jay Karter Gravitt and brother-in-law, John Darby. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Gravitt, son, Terry Gravitt, sisters and brothers-in-law Mary Ruth (Travis) Morelock, Rosie Lee (Ray) Goggans and Katie (Hardy) Freeman and numerous nieces and nephews. Special thanks to her beloved caregivers—Marvice Smith, Peggy

Veal, Dianne Smith and Juanita McGuire.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 24th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Her Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home in Fort Payne, Alabama with burial immediately following in Glenwood Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Mount Carmel Baptist Church (702 Clark Ave NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967) or the Big Oak Ranch (250 Jake Mintz Rd, Gadsden, AL 35905).

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150

Funeral Service

JUN 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home Chapel
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150
wilsonfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<http://www.wilsonfhinc.com>

Tribute Wall

GR

“ *Glenda Roden lit a candle in memory of Azzie Gravitt*



Glenda Roden - June 24, 2023 at 11:12 PM

RK

“ *Ricky, Jayne & Lissa Karim purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Azzie Lee Gravitt.*



Ricky, Jayne & Lissa Karim - June 24, 2023 at 09:45 PM

JA

“ I want to thank Gwen for sharing her mom with me growing up. Aunt Azzie took me to school until Gwen got a car and then Gwen took me. She made me breakfast of biscuit with syrup and butter. I sat on the steps in the choir next to her and when we went to the pew and I fidgeted too much with my mother giving me the look... I slid down next to Aunt Azzie. She took me to Gwen's softball games and I "helped" her in the concessions stands at the football games. And the many times she, mother and Doris shucked corn in the carport were endless. And those 3 could shop all day at East Gate Mall! There's not enough space to write all the things she did for us. She was everything to everyone. I never heard her raise her voice, get mad or say anything negative about anyone. She never did for herself it was always others she took care of. There will never be another woman on this earth that will compare to her. I loved her very much.

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Azzie Lee Gravitt.



June 23, 2023 at 09:36 PM

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“ My dad Odell Dukes and Floyd were brick and block mason together when I was growing up. Azzie was one of the sweetest lady I have ever known. Her whole family was sweet but I remember Azzie and mom (Frances Dukes) were friends and she was the best. I loved her dearly. Heaven is sweeter now that she is there.



Pamela Ferguson - June 23, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Azzie Lee Gravitt.



June 23, 2023 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Azzie Lee Gravitt.



June 23, 2023 at 12:49 PM

TB

“ To know her was to love her, I have known her my entire life, went to church with her at Mount Carmel, she and Floyd were friends with my parents and she never changed. She was the most kind Godly woman who always had a smile on her face and a kind word. She showed the true love of God everywhere she went. I seen her many many times at the funeral home and she always had a hug for me every time. We should all strive to be a happy Christian like Azzie was, it showed up on her as long as I can remember. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Tammy McDowell Blevins - June 23, 2023 at 11:06 AM