



Gayle VanPelt Johnson

February 23, 1944 - January 15, 2022

Gayle VanPelt Johnson, 77, of Fort Payne, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2022 at her home. She was a member of New Oregon United Methodist Church and retired from Fort Payne City School System.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Wilson Funeral Home with burial following in VanPelt Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until the 2 p.m. hour of service.

She is survived by her children Sarah Lynn Thompson and husband Patrick and Daniel Johnson and wife Amy; grandchildren Coleton Johnson and wife Rachel, Conner Thompson, and Macayne Thompson; great-grandson Camden Johnson; and brothers Dow VanPelt and Lewis VanPelt.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years Jimmy Johnson in November 2021, her parents Hershel and Nora Lee VanPelt, and sister Sarah Lee Smith.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

VanPelt Family Cemetery

240 County Road 816
Gaylesville, AL 35973

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle VanPelt Johnson*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *I met Gayle in knitting class. She had been a friend of my sister from Sand Rock. They went "mudding" together in VWs. Had so much fun together! Gayle and Jerry (Adrian) worked FP Band Boosters together. Gayle was fun kind and friendly. Such a hard worker. 😭❤️ Sorry, she gone too soon.*

Sandrakje - January 19, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayle VanPelt Johnson.*



January 17, 2022 at 07:03 PM

EN

“ My favorite memory of Gayle was when we went to the Alabama DAR Good Citizenship Meeting in Montgomery. She, Emily Ward, and I rode together to Anniston and spent the night with the DAR President and her husband, Mary Beth and Dr. Joseph Abbott. Mary Beth fed us some of the best spaghetti that we had ever eaten. The next day Mary Beth drove us to Montgomery where we visited Huntingdon College, the Alabama Capitol, and the Jefferson Davis Home. Gayle was one of the top ten students selected to answer a question. She had a hard question about mothers-in-law, and she knocked it out of the ballpark. She was not selected as the top speaker, but she was offered a small scholarship to Huntingdon College. After Mary Beth drove us back to Anniston, Gayle's boyfriend, Jimmy Johnson, drove us home, stopping In Centre, Cedar Bluff, and Gaylesville, respectively. Love you, Gayle!

Ellen Cobia Neal - January 17, 2022 at 06:41 PM

SJ

“ Ms. Gayle was a wonderful friend! She will be deeply missed. Our sympathy to Sarah Lynn, Daniel, and all those whose lives she has touched so deeply.
Sid and Nira Jones

Sid and Nira Jones - January 17, 2022 at 12:17 PM

SH

“ A true friend and colleague. Love to Sarah, Daniel, and families



Sarah Haase - January 17, 2022 at 12:17 PM

CL

“ Cheryl Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Gayle VanPelt Johnson



Cheryl Little - January 17, 2022 at 07:56 AM

SH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Gayle. She was a dear friend and the one I could call at FPMS when I needed to get a message to my child. Sally dearly loved her.

Sarah Haase - January 16, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayle VanPelt Johnson.



January 16, 2022 at 05:08 PM

MT

“ The best friend anyone could ever hope for!
Prayers for Sarah Lynn, Daniel, and al the family.
Losing a father and mother within two months must be terribly hard!
I love this family

Margaret Thacker - January 16, 2022 at 04:54 PM

NE

“ *Ms. Gayle was everyone’s mom when I first began teaching at Fort Payne High School. She had a heart as big as the world. I will miss my dear friend. Sympathies to her family.*

Nancy Elliott - January 16, 2022 at 04:06 PM

JN

“ *Such a sweet lady.*

Joy Nail - January 16, 2022 at 03:44 PM

VG

“ *Mrs. Johnson will be missed by her family. I knew her from working in the office at Fort Payne High school. She was a sweet lady. I'm glad to have met her.*

Vickie Burgess Gibson - January 16, 2022 at 03:41 PM