



Mary Gowan Howard

October 4, 1932 - November 19, 2015

Mary Gowan Howard, 83, widow of Perry Otis Howard, died November, 19, 2015 at her home.

A native of Greenville County, she was a daughter of the late Troy Franklin and Clytie Bell Bridwell Gowan, a homemaker and member of El Bethel Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Pamela H. Bowling and her husband, Rev. Robert Bowling of Easley and Wanda H. Thomason of Greer; one sister, Pat Gowan McDonald of Sumter; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Joe Seay. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be James Allen, Brad Shoaf, Ronnie Kelley, Butch Garrett, Michael Rice and Collin Downs.

Visitation will be held 12:30 until 1:45 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary prior to the service.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to El Bethel Baptist Church, 313 Jones Avenue, Greer, SC 29650.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue
Greer, SC 29650

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Mary Dale was a dear friend of my mother and our family and she will be greatly missed. She always had a beautiful smile, a kind word and an encouraging word. May you feel Gods grace, peace, mercy and love during this difficult time.*

Angie Ashmore Kruse

Angie Ashmore Kruse - November 27, 2015 at 07:34 PM

RG

“ *Ronda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mary Gowan Howard*



Ronda Gibson - November 22, 2015 at 06:13 PM

RG

So sorry for your loss. Prayers said for each of you.

Ronda Gibson - November 22, 2015 at 06:14 PM

JM

“ *Wanda and Pam, we are very saddened to hear of the loss of your mother. She was a very special lady and will always be remembered by her infectious laughter. Thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time.*

*Willie Mae Waldrop
Janet and Steve Mullinax*



Janet Mullinax - November 21, 2015 at 10:33 PM

PB

“ *Mary was a precious lady. She taught my son in Sunday School and when I saw her at church she would always ask me about Josh. We will miss her at church. She was always smiling when you went to visit and no matter how bad she felt she would make time for you. I will see her in heaven one day and I know she will be smiling.*

Pat Brown - November 21, 2015 at 08:36 PM

BH

“ Aunt Mary was an inspiration to many I am sure. She inspired me so many times during our visits with one another. She would always get me motivated in doing things. She helped me in so many ways get through the lowest times in my life. She was here for me when I needed help with things like, painting, refinishing an old desk (that was my daddy's), unpacking boxes, putting things away and not only did she dig up some of her Purple Iris's but she even came down to visit with me and she planted those Purple Iris's in my yard. The time has gone by so fast. We have been here going on 16 years, but I still have all these memories of Aunt Mary being here and helping me in so many ways. Not only do I and will I remember her every year as the Iris's bloom, but every time I see an afghan that was crocheted, there are memories of her as well. She taught me how to crochet a granny square and by doing so, I was able to figure out the pattern on a half finished afghan my mother was making, but never finished before she passed away. I was able to finish that afghan and you could not tell where my mother had stopped and where I started , but it is finished thanks to my Aunt Mary. She is resting peacefully now. For there will be no more pain, suffering, sickness, sorrow or tears but only rejoicing in the house of the Lord. Time will pass and the pain will lessen, but memories will be forever present of someone who was so special to so many people.



With Our Deepest Sympathy, Keeping all the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Belinda and Gary Hart

Belinda J. Hart - November 20, 2015 at 11:38 PM

CR

“ My last visit with her a couple of months ago, I told her I would be 67 in Feb. She said, "Oh, you should still be that cute little girl with all those long curls of hair, that's how I remember you (Guess she remembered the first cute grandchild blessed into the Gowan Family) I laughed and said, "Still have natural curls, but not so cute anymore."

We all laughed.

So glad she was with my Mama,her sister Frankie, just a few days before Mama passed. Her visit meant alot to my Mama. She was loved by all of us and she will be missed..Much love to my cousins, Wanda and Pam, and their family..Love your cousin, Cindy

Cynthia j. Reddoch - November 20, 2015 at 03:27 PM