



Erlene McDowell Gant

February 23, 1928 - May 31, 2011

Erlene McDowell Gant, 83, of Salisbury began her heavenly journey on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 to meet with her husband, James Wesley Gant, Jr. (Jim) her loving mother, Theodora Scott McDowell and her first grandchild, Courtney Lauren whom she adored.

Born February 23, 1928 in Wilkes County she was the daughter of the late Barney C. McDowell and Theodora Scott McDowell. She graduated Shoals High School, in Shoals, NC and Martin Memorial School of Nursing, Mt. Airy in 1949.

Mrs. Gant was a Registered Nurse and retired from Rowan Memorial Hospital in 1990.

She was a member of Enon Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Michael Gant and Kim Markling of Raleigh, Jamie Garner of Salisbury, Jeana Lucas and husband John of Salisbury, Jayda Gant Trayah of China Grove, granddaughter, Brittney Trayah of China Grove, great-granddaughters, Rylee Harrelson and Aleksis Parker and her father John Parker and Courtney's sons, Elijah and Dylan Donegan of New York.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:30 AM – Saturday (June 4) at

Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Trexler and Rev. Jerry Wilkes, officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 10-11:30 AM Saturday at Summersett Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at Mrs. Gant's home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905

A special thanks to Rowan Regional Hospice for their loving care they gave Mrs. Gant.

Tribute Wall



“ To Mrs. Gant's Family

My deepest sympathy on your loss. She was my supervisor at Rowan for many years and a wonderful person she was. I will never forget her. She was loved by all those who knew her. I feel as if I know you all because she shared her "family" with all of us. Take care and know that she is at rest. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Shirley Wilks##imported-end##

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“ *Jamie and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mama's passing. You took great care of your mama and she loved you. I pray all of your family to have peace and comfort during this time. She is victorious right now and celebrating with your Dad and Courtney. Love, Annette and family##imported-begin##Annette Nicholson##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Family of Erlene, please know I hold you in my heart and prayers as you go through this great time of sorrow and loss. Stand tall and hold each other close, as your Mother would expect no less from you. She gave you the greatest gift anyone could, the gift of a loving, caring family. I am blessed to have know her, if for only a short while. I treasured her cards, notes, phone talks, and especially lending me Jamie when she needed her nearby at home. Rest in peace sweet Lady.##imported-begin##Anna Wyatt##imported-end##*

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“ *Jamie, I am so sorry about your wonderful mother. I know you will miss her so please know that you can call me anytime to talk if you need to. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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“ *May you rest in peace sweet Lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Dont't worry yourself about Aleksis she will have you to watch over her always. We love you###imported-begin##Patricia Wood###imported-end##*

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“ *Jayda, Jamie and family. Your always in my thoughts and prayers. Especially now. I just loved your mama! Such a sweet sweet lady!! She'll be missed by many!*

May Angels Watch Over You!###imported-begin##Beth Hardy###imported-end##

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