



## Gayle Louise James

February 10, 1954 - March 13, 2020

Gayle Louise James passed away on Friday, March 13, 2020, at her home in Fulshear, Texas at 66 years of age.

Gayle Louise James was born on February 10, 1954, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to William Abe Cavin and Lois lola Lynch Cavin. Gayle graduated from college with her bachelor's degree in education. She began her career teaching in the public schools of Caney Valley and Dewey, Oklahoma. On January 21, 1989, Gayle married William E. (Bud) James Jr., in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. In 1991, they moved to Midland, Texas where Gayle retired from teaching to stay at home with their daughters, Emily and Laura. She started Step by Step, a Parent's Day Out program at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, which she directed from 2005 to 2015. In 2015, Bud and Gayle moved to Fulshear, Texas where they worship with the Church of Christ in Katy, Texas. Gayle was a very loving wife and mother. She loved the Lord and shared that love with her family and friends. Gayle was a light to all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bud James of Fulshear, Texas; her two daughters, Emily Christine James, of Fulshear, Texas and Laura Ellen Goodman and her husband, Karsten Goodman of Plano, Texas; her mother, Lois Cavin of Ramona, Oklahoma; her brother, Don Cavin and his wife, Carla Cavin, and their son Mike Cavin of Dewey, Oklahoma; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the Step-by-Step Program at 3813 N Midland Dr, Midland, TX 79707 to the Fairmont Park Church of Christ.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, March 20, 2020, at the Ramona Cemetery with Mr. Steve Bailey officiating.

Friends who wish may sign the online guestbook at <http://www.stumpff.org>

# Cemetery

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**Ramona Cemetery**

# Events

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**MAR Graveside Service 11:00AM**

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Ramona Cemetery

# Comments

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“ Gayle was our neighbor the last four years and was such a blessing to us and our children. She always had treats and gifts for them on their birthdays and at the holidays. She made sure our kiddos felt special when she did not have to. She is dearly missed by our family. We send our sincerest condolences to Bud, Emily and Laura.

**Kari Malone** - May 24, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ I saw Mrs. James obituary and knew right that she looked familiar. I looked through my old school files and confirmed she was my kindergarten teacher in 1989. I had fond memories of starting school thanks to her!

**Jolene (Holtsclaw) Bryant** - April 12, 2020 at 07:26 PM

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**Angela Dabney** - March 21, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ I will truly miss your smile. You had a way of making everyone feel so special....a true heart of gold. I am praying that God will continue to comfort your family and give them peace in knowing your light will live on in all of us. Rest in peace my friend, rest in peace.

**Angela Dabney** - March 21, 2020 at 10:37 AM

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“ i am so sorry to hear my frind Gayle rest in peace's

**bruce sumter** - March 20, 2020 at 11:12 PM

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“ Last year Gayle went out of her way to come to Princeton to see her cousin Betty Pokladnik in the midst of preparing for her daughter Laura's wedding! She always thought of everyone first before herself . She was sunshine for all of us especially me. I will miss you dear cousin! Sending prayers to comfort her family! Deepest Sympathy & Love, Terrie Smith & family

**Terrie Smith** - March 19, 2020 at 10:34 PM

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“ Gayle, my beautiful fun loving cousin, every time I think of you I see your wonderful smile and your eyes that sparkle, when you entered a room there was immediate happiness.  
When I go out at night and look up at the stars and I see one twinkling I'll know it's you and I'll know everything will be alright.  
Will miss you SOOO MUCH

Love and prayers to the family  
Cheryl Marie

**Cheryl Marie Jones** - March 19, 2020 at 09:52 PM

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“ The kids at Katy Church of Christ where she taught them really seemed to love her a lot but I also think that everyone that came in contact with Gayle also loved her as well. I know that we will all miss her at Katy. I will keep Bud and all of her family in my thoughts and prayers. Love always Pat McHugh

**Pat McHugh** - March 19, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ Two things our world need most are Jesus and laughter...two things Gayle exhibited most in her life. I've heard from dozens of OCC friends who all agreed she made their life better by making them laugh, and that she was a Christian light to our world! My, oh, my, how loved she was in so many, many lives!!! --David Pratt

**David Pratt** - March 19, 2020 at 06:01 PM

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“ I always enjoyed it when Gayle and Emily would come to visit Lois in Ramona. One of my favorite memories of Gayle was at the last parade we attended together. Her and I fought over all the chocolate candy that was being thrown out. She was such a fun person to be around, and she will be dearly missed. Love and prayers for the family!

Kristin Rowell

Kristin Rowell - March 19, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - March 19, 2020 at 01:16 PM

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“ The Whole Clan, From TX to FL love Terrie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gayle Louise James.



The Whole Clan, From TX to FL love Terrie - March 19, 2020 at 10:49 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gayle Louise James.



March 19, 2020 at 10:26 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gayle Louise James.



March 19, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gayle Louise James.



March 18, 2020 at 10:19 PM

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“ If you were keeping company with Gayle you couldn't help but smile. Prayers for this precious family. Charles & Pat

**Patricia Neal** - March 18, 2020 at 08:19 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gayle Louise James.



March 18, 2020 at 05:51 PM

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“ I have known Gayle since I was a young girl. She was my camp counselor many times at Osage Christian Camp from the Church of Christ in Bartlesville, OK. As we got older, it was always a great day when I would see her at church when she was back in Bartlesville. She made me laugh and just plain happy!! One of my favorite things she would say was, “Feel free, hon!” Although I hadn’t talked to her in awhile, she was always someone I considered a mentor and friend. I will miss you Gayle!

**Marcy Bean** - March 18, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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“ Such a great lady. I greatly miss her spunk. Georgia Barger Katy, TX

**Georgia Barger** - March 18, 2020 at 04:28 PM

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“ Gayle had such a great, positive attitude. I enjoyed working and serving beside her at Fairmont. I felt safe leaving our only son at Step By Step because I knew she was watching over him. Ms. Gayle, we are sad for us, but we are happy for you. We’ll see you again soon!

**Emily** - March 18, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gayle Louise James.



March 18, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ Gayle was a loving and kind person, always full of energy. We will miss her. Our prayers are with Bud and family.  
Gary & Mary Lemley

**Mary Lemley** - March 18, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ Gayle was one of the kindest, most loving individuals I have ever met. No one ever forgot having met her and her cheerful manner and attitude. I always hoped that just some of her personality could be infused into my own to love everyone just like she did in life. May we carry all of our happy memories of time spent with her daily in striving to be like her in her Christian example. May God comfort all of her family members and especially her Mom Lois, who is a rock in our community.

**dana** - March 18, 2020 at 11:55 AM

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“ To be in her presence was always encouraging and always a joy. Bud, I will always remember her loving, servant heart as you both cared for the singles group at Fairmont Park. Gayle taught me so much about hospitality and serving others. I am so thankful God gave me the opportunity to tell her so, face to face, at Laura's shower in Midland last year; for all that she meant to me as a young Christian. It is a wonderful memory of her for me. Terry and I send our love to you and the girls. Our Lord is with you all in the coming days and always. May He surround you with caring hearts and helping hands. In Christ alone, Ellen and Terry Pafford-Midland TX

**Ellen Pafford** - March 17, 2020 at 10:12 PM

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“ My heart is breaking with loss of my dearest friend. We knew each other over 60 years. We were always at one another's house playing dolls or other things when we were young. As we aged, we were in 4-h together, cheerleading and all sorts of things. We loved each other as sisters. Gayle was a very special and beautiful lady inside and out. Sending my love and condolences to her family, Bud, Emily, Laura, Lois, Don and Carla and all her family and many many friends!

**linda ringer thetford** - March 17, 2020 at 08:01 PM