



Pauline "Polly" Stewart Gaskill

June 25, 1930 - October 29, 2021

Elva Pauline (Polly) Gaskill passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday October 29th, 2021.

She was born near Blacksville, West Virginia on June 25th, 1930 to the late James Richard Stewart and the late Cora Blanche Stewart. Polly was the youngest of eight children, and is survived by her brother Earl Stewart of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and many nieces and nephews.

Polly grew up on a farm in her early life and always carried the memories of that wholesome, hardworking lifestyle with her. She married Grover W. Flowers in West Virginia in 1948 and before long ended up in Hampton, Georgia, raising their three children together until Grover passed in 1964. As a single mother of three at the age of 34 she always managed to get food on the table and clothes on her children with limited resources. This she did with a smile and a positive, can-do attitude that never left her.

She is also survived by her children, Rachel Flowers of Fayetteville, GA., Matthew Flowers (Irma) of Tucson, AZ., and Mark Flowers (Jenny) of Griffin, GA.

Her grandchildren are Ginger F. Hamilton (Alex) of Griffin, GA., Wesley Flowers (Elitia Barnes), Atlanta, GA., Cora Flowers, Griffin, GA., and Simeon Flowers of Tucson, AZ. Her great-grandchildren include Caroline, Elizabeth, Kate and Charlotte Hamilton of Griffin, GA.

In Hampton, the Flowers family attended church and school with the Gaskills and they became friends who stayed in contact even after they all went their separate ways. In 1994, after his wife passed, Polly married Bill Gaskill and started a new life in the Portland, Oregon area. The family she acquired as a result of her marriage to Bill enriched her life immensely. The family includes stepson Greg Gaskill (Darlene) of Tulsa, OK., their children Brian Gaskill (Julie) and their six children of Hayward, WI., Laura Muilenburg (John) and their three children of Tulsa, OK., Karen Bickers (Tim) and their four children of Tulsa, OK., stepson Gary Gaskill (Teresa) of Camus, WA., their children Steven Gaskill of Hillsboro, OR., Sandra Wagner (Mark) and their 3 children of Newberg, OR., Alex Gaskill of Everett, WA., and Katee Horak (Travis) and their two children of Tigard, OR., and stepson Tom Gaskill (Ellen) of Loveland, CO.

Polly loved people and loved to greet everyone with a hug. She regularly attended religious services wherever she lived, usually in a Methodist church. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and Bill's grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought so much joy and laughter to her life. She and Bill travelled extensively, were active in their church and community. She was considered by many to be a woman who offered wise counsel to those she knew in their troubled times. She was a loving caregiver to Bill in his final years and after he passed, moved back to Georgia in 2019 to be near two of her children, most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted Friday, November 5, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Berea Cemetery with Reverend Steven Norris officiating.

For those who care to make a donation in her name, Polly regularly supported the Wounded Warrior Project. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com.

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV 5. 11:00 AM.

Berea Cemetery
Hampton, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Pauline "Polly" Stewart Gaskill*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Polly was a patient of ours when she lived in Portland, Oregon. I had tried to call her shortly after she moved back to be near her family. I was sad to see her phone number we had on file was no longer working. We didn't have an email address either. I loved sitting with her & listening to stories of her youth. She was always upbeat & full of hope. She would ask about my children and my parents. I still remember the day she came in to tell us she was moving back to be closer to her family. It took a lot of emotional strength to keep my composure. I knew that would be the last time I would see her. She was one of my favorite patients without a doubt. She gave me a long hug goodbye and reminded me I was worthy of all the goodness God was offering. She reminded me to always look at the bright side and if I was experiencing a not so good moment...She reminded me it wasn't going to last. I would google her off and on, but I never found her...Until today. I love seeing her smile and am so sad she has passed. To know she was back closer with her family does ease the pain a bit. She was a wonderful woman...I will miss her*

Candy Hermann - May 16, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Pauline "Polly" Stewart Gaskill.*



November 04, 2021 at 06:42 PM

BB

“ I dearly loved my phone chats and texts with Aunt Pauline. Although she had many health issues in the last couple of years, she always made light of her problems and was quick to size up any problems she could sense I had and to give me loving, wise, always cheerful and spot-on advice.

It seems she lived to help others and became frustrated when she didn't feel strong enough to keep giving as she always had.

I can speak for the Stewart family (and I believe the Flowers and Gaskill families) about how much we appreciate the happiness, joy and security that Mark and Jenny, Cora, Ginger, Wesley and those great grandkids gave her, especially in the last 2 1/2 years.

I will truly miss Aunt Pauline. She was beautiful inside and out.

Niece from West Virginia, Beverly Stewart Bromhal.

Beverly Bromhal - November 02, 2021 at 07:56 PM

RB

“ Aunt Pauline - I loved her like a sister because she was more like a sister to me, than an Aunt. I will surely miss her and our phone conversations. 💔

Hugs ❤️ to the family and Prayers for strength in the coming days.

Ruby Brewer - November 02, 2021 at 03:49 PM

MS

“ In a big family of none-too-shy folks, Aunt Polly was always the most purely loving of the Stewart clan. She was always hard-working, always optimistic, and always curious. Nothing ever defeated her - illness, adversity, or challenges might slow her down for a bit but she never surrendered. She was always willing to share stories about the many experiences in her long life, to cheer or encourage. I will miss her sorely. with love, nephew Mike in Seattle

Mike Stewart - November 01, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pauline "Polly" Stewart Gaskill.*



November 01, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pauline "Polly" Stewart Gaskill.*



November 01, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Polly's family. Such fond memories of Polly at Hampton UMC.
Gayle and Tommy Smith*

Gayle Smith - November 01, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Even though we lived far apart Phyllis and Polly always kept their connection. When they visited us in Dodge City and when we visited them in Portland they picked up their conversation right where they left off last time. Polly and Phyllis shared a special friendship that time and distance didn't dim. She will be missed for she was loved.*

Sincere Condolences, Duane Ross

Duane Ross - November 01, 2021 at 01:14 PM

DR

“ *Duane Ross purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Pauline "Polly" Stewart Gaskill.*



Duane Ross - November 01, 2021 at 01:09 PM