



Mary Gayle DeFoor

September 26, 1935 - July 26, 2017

Funeral Services for Mary Gayle DeFoor, 81, of Rusk, Texas will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Don Copeland officiating. Burial will follow at New Salem Cemetery, New Salem, Texas.

Mrs. DeFoor passed away July 26, 2017. She was born September 26, 1935 in New Salem, Texas to the late Joe Bailey and Nannie Vera Swink. She served her working career as a Registered Nurse, both for Rusk State Hospital and Rusk Memorial Hospital. She was a member at New Salem Church of Christ and had attended her entire life.

She was a member of Eastern Star and the Shrine Club. She used to enjoy sewing, crocheting as well as cooking and baking. She will be greatly missed by her great-grand dog Spike.

Mrs. DeFoor is predeceased by her husband, William David DeFoor, Sr., parents, and sister, Ina Jo Odom.

She is survived by her daughter, Dena Carlile, Rusk and her children Natasha and her husband Scott Jenkins, Rusk, Joshua and his wife Lei Stanford, Hurst, her son, William DeFoor Jr., Rusk, and his children, William David DeFoor III, Leesville, LA, Samantha Warren, Leesville, LA, Bridgette DeFoor, Palestine, TX, great-grandchildren, Alex Scott Jenkins, Rusk, Jordynn

Dawson, Palestine, Mason and Cason DeFoor, Leesville, LA, Cameron DeFoor, Many, LA, nieces and nephews as well as extended family, Judy Stanford, Hurst.

Pallbearers will be Steve Yates, Ruff Yates, Rascal Yates, Albert Nolley, Scott Jenkins, and William David DeFoor III. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles Odom, and Crockett Buckner.

Visitation will be 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2017 at the funeral home.

She had wished that donations be made to the charity of your choice, or to the Shriners Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Gayle DeFoor*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *I just learned of Gayle's death. She was a great lady and will be sorely missed. She made a difference in the lives of the people around her. She and W. D. were both special people. I'm thankful to have known them. Serena Keech*

Serena Keech - July 30, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ *Carol Hassell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Gayle DeFoor*



Carol Hassell - July 28, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *I worked with her when I started at the state. She was a great lady.*

Carol Hassell - July 28, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Gayle DeFoor.*



July 28, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Gayle DeFoor.*



July 28, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Gayle DeFoor.*



July 26, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mary Gayle DeFoor.*



July 26, 2017 at 10:15 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Gayle DeFoor.*



July 26, 2017 at 06:08 PM