



## Mrs. Bobbie Jo Gwathney

August 3, 1938 - March 18, 2016

March 18, 2016

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Gwathney, age 77, of Forrest City, died Friday at the Crestpark Retirement Inn in Forrest City.

Mrs. Gwathney was born August 3, 1938, in Moro, Arkansas, and was the daughter of Joel Bowman and Voncille Carter Bowman. She lived in St. Francis and Lee Counties most of her life, was a housewife, was retired from the Arkansas Employment Security Division, and attended the Oak Hill Church of God.

Mrs. Gwathney married Arnold Gwathney in 1959, and he survives her along with one son, Gordon R. Gwathney of Forrest City, one sister, Robin Zoe Brainard of Brighton, Tennessee, one brother, Floyd Bowman of Moro, one grandson, Randall W. Gwathney of Corning and two granddaughters; Jennifer Rene' DeArmond of Wynne and Lisa Marie Doane of Wheatley. She had one sister, Bernice Bowman, who preceded her in death.

Services for Mrs. Gwathney will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, with burial in Salem Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, beginning 1:00 P.M., until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the on

line registry. Memorials are to be made to Oak Hill Church of God, 97 SFC  
309, Forrest City, Ar. 72335.

# Cemetery Details

## Forrest Park

Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
[info@stevensfuneralhome.net](mailto:info@stevensfuneralhome.net)  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

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MAR **22** (CT)

Forrest Park  
Hwy 1 South  
Forrest City, AR

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I miss you!! Brother and I are carrying on! This world gets worse every day!! Love you!

*Robin*

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**Robin Brainard** - January 20 at 03:57 PM

RB

“ I miss you, Sister! I know you're enjoying Heaven. I love you! See you again!!

*Your baby sister,  
Robin*



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**Robin Brainard** - June 12, 2016 at 09:38 PM

RB

*I do miss you! I loved you.... But I feel in a way....like I NEVER really got to know you! I remember you ALWAYS seemed stressed and not very happy. I didn't understand!! I still don't!!*

*I always wanted that special sister friendship I saw my friends had with their sisters!! I guess it just wasn't meant to be!!*

*Randy ALWAYS seemed stressed out about things!! Mama told me some years later, "Don't be like her!! Enjoy life!! Enjoy your marriage!! If you can't be happy with each other, "Then get out!! Love wasn't suppose to be a battlefield, but a beautiful garden!!*

*Sister, NOW I understand!! I have an amazing husband that loves me dearly!! I absolutely adore him! Henry is no doubt the best thing to happen to me, except for Jesus!! Nothing tops that!!*

*Sister, I do love and miss you! Maybe we'll be closer in Heaven!!*

*I DO love and Miss you!!*

*Robin*

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**Robin Brainard** - September 24, 2025 at 01:06 PM

VS

“ Vicki Spears lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bobbie Jo Gwathney



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**Vicki Spears** - March 25, 2016 at 12:07 AM

RB

“ I love you, Sister! I will see you again, when God says it's my time!

*Your baby sister,  
Robin*



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**Robin Brainard** - March 24, 2016 at 04:37 PM

JF

“ *Jamie Franks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bobbie Jo Gwathney*



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**Jamie Franks** - March 22, 2016 at 03:20 PM

TF

“ *Tina Padgett Franks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bobbie Jo Gwathney*



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**Tina Padgett franks** - March 22, 2016 at 03:18 PM

ST

“ *Shirley W. Thorn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bobbie Jo Gwathney*



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**Shirley W. Thorn** - March 18, 2016 at 09:50 PM

RB

“ *I love you, Sister! I know you're with Mama, Daddy and finally reunited with your twin. I will see you again when God says it's my time. I love you, always!!*



*Robin*

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**Robin Bowman-Brainard** - March 18, 2016 at 05:01 PM

DS

“ Arnold, Robin, Floyd and Family: I am so sorry to hear of Bobbie Jo's passing. She was a sweet lady and I always enjoyed seeing her when the family would get together. You will all be in my prayers as you seek comfort and peace during this time. Love you all.

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**DeAnna Wood Staton** - March 18, 2016 at 03:41 PM

RB

*Thanks, DeAnna!! We love you to the moon and back again!!!*

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**Robin Brainard** - September 22, 2025 at 05:18 AM