



Gloria Kay Courtney

September 1, 1936 - January 27, 2022

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Though our hearts are broken, we rejoice in announcing that our precious Mama and Mamaw,

Gloria Kay Courtney, age 85, of Forrest City, Arkansas, was called to her Heavenly home on

Thursday, January 27, 2022. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Courtney was born on September 1, 1936, in Forrest City to Thomas Cox and Laverne

Rose Cox where she grew up the oldest of 8 children. During her years at Forrest City High

School, she played the clarinet and was a majorette in the marching band.

Wayne Courtney

has always been most proud of her honor to be voted Most Beautiful at FCHS.

Following

graduation, she married the love of her life of 67 years, Wayne Neely

Courtney and went on to

have 4 daughters. Together, Wayne and Gloria owned Courtney Oil Company, that they later

sold. Gloria continued to work in the gas business at Synergy Gas

Corporation for many years.

Outside of work, she dedicated her life to giving back to her community, her church, her art, and

most of all, her family. For more than 50 years, she served the First Baptist Church and was an outstanding philanthropic example to her community through volunteering with Hospice, being actively involved in Happy Dayers, Master Gardeners, Musical Coterie, Rolling Readers, and so much more. Her Sundays were important to her, not only through worship, but also through her love for spending time in the kitchen, creating Sunday lunch for her children and grandchildren.

Gloria lived out the remainder of her life continuing her service to her church and community,

creating beautiful artwork, and surrounding herself in the love of her family.

She is survived by

her husband, Wayne Neely Courtney, along with her daughters; Sonya Poe, Cindy (Allen)

Massey, Susan (Mike) Hanson and Cheryl (Dutch) Wiemeyer, seven grandchildren; Meredith

Poe Reeves, Melanie Massey, Michelle Massey Garner, Courtney Massey Nance, Jennifer

Hanson Jackson, Mitch Hanson and Jessie Hanson Watson, and 12 great grandchildren; Neely

Poe, John Henry Poe III, Brayden Harris, Cody Garner, William and Charlotte Nance,

Mackenzie Jackson, Henry, Georgia and Hayden Hanson and Jack and Max Watson. She is

also survived by her two sisters; Linda Farr and Connie Johnson, and three brothers; Thomas

Cox Jr., Mickey Don Cox, and Phillip Cox.

She was preceded in death by two brothers; Billy Steve and Walter Barry Cox, one son-in-law,

Johnny Poe, and one grandson, Michael Poe.

A special heartfelt thank you to her loving friends and caregivers, Teresa Michael and Bonnie

Oates, as well as the staff of Elite Hospice of Forrest City.

A private graveside was held Sunday, January 30, 2022, at Bell Cemetery, Palestine. The family

requests that memorials be made to: Gloria Courtney Memorial Fund at St. Jude, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105-9959.

Stevens Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. You may log on to stevensfuneralhome.net for the online registry.

Cemetery Details

Bell Cemetery

Palestine, AR 72372

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

Bell Cemetery
Palestine, AR 72372

Interment

JAN 30 (CT)

Bell Cemetery
Palestine, AR 72372

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ MS Gloria was such a sweet lady. She had a smile that was worth a million. Her & my mother Pat Ivy were good friends. Our thoughts prayers & love go out to each one of you during this sad time.

Dawne R Jarrett - February 06, 2022 at 09:34 AM

JB

“ So sorry to hear this. Gloria was a good friend and I know she will be missed. My prayers are with the families

Jackie Barker - February 02, 2022 at 11:05 AM

TM

“ Such a kind person have many memories from the oil company to the horse shows and a very sweet lady Mrs Gloria go rest high on that mountain you deserve it ❤️

Terry Mullen - January 31, 2022 at 10:39 PM

CC

“ Dear God Be With All Family & Friends Watch Over them With Love Amen.

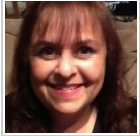


carol cummings - January 31, 2022 at 04:30 PM

BP

“ Thoughts, prayers and love for the Courtney Family. Ms Gloria was a jewel! Thankful that she is home with Jesus. My parents still have a painting of Ms Gloria's hanging in their living room, which they cherish.

Bob Pruiett - January 31, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ Kathy Ford lit a candle in memory of Gloria Kay Courtney



Kathy Ford - January 31, 2022 at 02:47 PM

AV

“ Sorry about Gloria such a sweet lady. Been praying for all of you.
Love you,
Bobbie Ruth Lann
Ameta Vines



Ameta Vines - January 31, 2022 at 11:25 AM

BD

“ God be with you Wayne and the family. Being in Crestpark, I just found out about your sweet and wonderful Gloria. You and Gloria made life in Forrest City great for Carolyn and I. You are always in my prayers.



bill davis - January 31, 2022 at 10:32 AM

VW

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. My mother, Shelby Chalk Neal, thought a lot of Mrs Gloria, Mama went home in 2005. I know how empty everything feels, how your heart aches, our prayers are with you. Vickie Neal Willmuth.

Vickie Willmuth - January 31, 2022 at 10:30 AM

PH

“ With deepest Sympathy to the family



Patricia Higgs - January 31, 2022 at 08:42 AM

MB

“ Sending my deepest condolences. 🙏❤️

Margaret Blaylock - January 31, 2022 at 12:48 AM

ST

“ Such a wonderful lady. She made my husband and me feel so very welcome when we moved here from Texas in 2001. I cherish her memory. ❤️

Sharon Taylor. - January 30, 2022 at 10:24 PM