



## Judith Bender

June 21, 1945 - June 29, 2013

Mrs. Judith Gayle Bender, age 68, of Forrest City, died Saturday at the Baptist Hospital in Little Rock. She had been in the hospital for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Bender was born June 21, 1945, in El Dorado, Arkansas, and was the daughter of Charles Gill Johnson and Byrdie Estelle Russell Johnson. She lived in Forrest City, moving here from Fayetteville, graduated from the University of Arkansas, was a housewife, was a member of the Master Gardeners Club, the Musical Coterie, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Forrest City.

Mrs. Bender married Michael Bender in 1966, and he survives her along with one son, Brent Bender of Forrest City, one daughter, Eden Pagan, husband, Jody, of Stuttgart, one brother, Gill Johnson of El Dorado, and two grandchildren; Hunter and Alexis.

Services for Mrs. Bender will be held at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City, 10:00 A.M., Wednesday. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, 5:00 P.M., at Strong Cemetery in Strong, Arkansas. Visitation will be Tuesday evening, 6:00 till 8:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Forrest City with Stevens Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to be made to the First Baptist Church Stuttgart, Children's Ministries, 2115 S. Prairie St., Stuttgart, Arkansas, 72160. You may log on the [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for

the on line registry.

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ Mickey, Gill and to all the family. I learned of the passing of Judy and am so sorry for you loss. She was just a youngster to me. Our families have always been close and I wanted to pass my sincere heart felt condolences to you and family.  
Jerry Maroney Wing Parkland, FL

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**Jerry Maroney Wing** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

BG

“ Such an amazing person..Mike be strong!

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**Bill & Marilyn Gunn Gober** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

AC

“ Mike, You and family are in our thoughts and prayers. Gayle was a very special lady.

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**Art and Annette Crossett** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

GO

“ I am so saddened to learn of Gayle's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Mike.

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**Gwen Gunn Ogle** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

MB

“ So sorry for the loss of Gayle. My sincere condolences to the family.

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**Mike Burson** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

DM

“ Mike, Eden and Brent:  
Cathy and I are very sad over the news of Gayle's death. We have cherished memories of our times together in El Dorado many years ago and are grateful for your friendship. We will be praying for your comfort and peace.

John H. and Cathy Moore  
Branson, MO

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**Dr. John H Moore** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

KT

“ Mike, We were so sadden to hear about Gayle. May God bless you and your family.

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**Ken and Cathey Turner** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

MJ

“ Mike & Brent, I am so very sorry for your loss. I loved Mrs. Gayle and she was always so supportive of me and my endeavors with the Women's Ministry at FBC, FC. I will miss her quick wit and loving spirit. Please know you and your family are in our prayers.

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**Mary Jones** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

JJ

“ Gayle was a beautiful person, inside and out. She was a bright light for so many. My heart goes out to her family during this difficult time. She was so proud of Mikey, Brent and Eden (and those precious grandchildren)! I feel so blessed to have had Gayle in my life. The Bender family has my deepest sympathy and love.

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**Jan Jernigan** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM

DD

“ *Mike and Brent*

*I am so sorry for your loss. You are both in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**David Dickey** - November 13, 2013 at 11:59 AM