



## Gayla Ballard

February 10, 1955 - February 20, 2022

Gayla Ballard was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She departed this life Sunday, February 20, 2022 at the age of 67 following a battle with cancer and covid.

She was born to Johnie and Fern Tettleton on February 10, 1955 in St. Louis, MO. The sixth of seven siblings, she knew the value, strength and joy of a large family. She graduated from Doniphan High School and through the years worked a variety of careers including sawmill operator and school lunch lady.

In 1974 she married James Ballard and began her life's work as a homemaker and mother. Raising four children in a loving and orderly home was something she made look both easy and selfless. She provided wise advice, a willing ear to listen and practical suggestions in a kitchen that always had the favorite dessert of whomever was sitting at her table. That effortless ability to provide love and support grew to its full capacity as she transitioned into her role as grandmother (Meme) and eventually great-grandmother. For her grandchildren there was no better lap to sit in, no prouder smile, and no better maker of chocolate gravy.

Services will be held at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy by Pastor Jeff Jackson. Visitation Wednesday, February 23 from 6-8:00pm. Funeral Thursday, February 24 at 11:00am. A graveside interment ceremony will be at Carson Hill Cemetery in Mill Spring, Missouri on Friday, February 25 at 2:00pm.

Gayla is survived by her husband, James Ballard of Searcy Arkansas. She is survived by three children, Jammie Clemons ( and husband John) of Searcy, Arkansas, Paul Ballard (and wife Kandace)of Bossier City, Louisiana and Sara Kay Hoeg (husband Todd) of Eureka Springs, Arkansas and one daughter-in-law, Kayla Ballard of Judsonia. She is survived by 8 grandchildren; Nathan Jordan (Jessica) Springfield Missouri, Emily Stiles (Austin) Springfield Missouri, Matilda Hoeg, Ian and Christine Clemons, James Hamilton and Parker Ballard, and Brittany Hale. Also surviving are two siblings, Glenda Joplin of Naylor, Missouri and Kaye Hudson (Leon) of Hillsboro, Missouri, 11 great-grandchildren and many more nieces, nephews and others who treasured her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 4 siblings; Henry Tettleton, Betty Davis, Gene Tettleton and Dwight Tettleton, as well as son James Roy Ballard and granddaughter Mackinzie Vermillion.

In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation is made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in her name.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Carson Hill Cemetery

2898 + R9  
Mill Spring, MO 63952

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net  
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## Funeral Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
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## Graveside Service

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FEB 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gayla Ballard



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 24, 2022 at 11:56 AM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss.

*Doug and Jane Manasco*

Doug Manasco - February 23, 2022 at 09:37 PM

GD

“ We are very sad to hear of Gayla's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. She was a good friend and a very sweet lady. May your special memories bring you comfort during this difficult time. Gary and Anita Duncan

Gary and Anita Duncan - February 23, 2022 at 06:59 PM

GD

“ Gary And Anita Duncan lit a candle in memory of Gayla Ballard



Gary and Anita Duncan - February 23, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gayla Ballard.*



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February 23, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gayla Ballard.*



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February 23, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Gayla. She was a wonderful, beautiful soul that loved all. I know she will be missed by all who love her. God Bless all of you as you grieve and remember in joy the wonderful times you shared with Gayla. She loved all of you with all her heart. Miss you and hope to see you one day soon.*

*Danny and Desma Reno and family*

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**Desma Reno** - February 23, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gayla Ballard.*



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February 23, 2022 at 10:54 AM

FF

“ From your R279 Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gayla Ballard.



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**From your R279 Family** - February 23, 2022 at 09:57 AM

TK

“ Terry & Kathy lit a candle in memory of Gayla Ballard



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**Terry & Kathy** - February 23, 2022 at 07:56 AM