



## Margaret Ann Claunch

November 5, 1947 - March 15, 2023

On March 15, 2023, the world lost a feisty, incredibly loving woman who left the world better than she found it. Margaret Ann Claunch (known as Mimaw to those who loved her most) was born on November 5, 1947, and died peacefully to the sounds of Vince Gill, surrounded by her family.

A die-hard Titans fan, Margaret spent many Sundays cheering on AJ Brown, Derrick Henry, and company, decked out in her Titans' gear. But as much as she loved the Titans, nothing could compare to the love she had for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. On any given Friday during most of the 1990s and 2000s, you'd see Margaret burning up Old Hwy 64 in "Mimaw's Explorer," headed to get her grandchildren and take them back to her house for a weekend of fishing, cards, games, and movies. Mimaw was highly competitive (especially at dominos and cards) and taught each grandkid (and great grandkid) that winning only mattered when you worked hard, and earned it for yourself. For Mimaw, winning was even better when it came from a hot slot machine with a cold beer in hand.

Margaret lived most of her life in Hardeman County, working various professions and in a number of restaurants. She was a fabulous cook, and it's likely that most of the county enjoyed her homestyle meals at one time or

another. For her family, no Thanksgiving was complete without Mimaw's famous chicken-n-dressing and banana split cake. When asking her about her recipes, she'd say "I don't know babe; I just do it."

Margaret was happiest outside in the sun. She loved warm weather, camping with her friends, gardening, fishing, bird watching, and attending sporting events. But her favorite time of the year was Christmas. She was never happier than when her house was full of people she loved, Santa decor, and family traditions. Her infectious smile was never bigger than when she was buying, wrapping, and giving gifts to those she loved and if anyone suggested she was giving too much - she'd say with a big smile "But it's Christmas!"

While her family is deeply saddened by her passing and are struggling with how to cope in a world without her, they know she would tell them they can do it because "can't never could." Her family takes comfort knowing she "loved them bunches" and that she is now in Heaven with Jesus, her Daddy, her siblings, Heath, Buttercup, and other close family and friends that passed on before her.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings. She is survived by her children, Harold Gooch (Susan) and Cindy Gooch (Pat Burke); her grandchildren, Alex Hollowell (Ben), Hunter Gooch (Sabrina), and Harrison Gooch (Katie); and her great grandchildren, Lola Grace Simons and Henley and Harper Hollowell; and many other family members.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on March 21, 2023, at First Presbyterian Church in Searcy, AR at 5:00 pm. Funeral services will be held

on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Trinity Baptist Church in Bolivar, TN at 11:30 am, with a reception to follow for all who loved her at Guadalajara Restaurant on Market Street in Bolivar, TN.

As a single mom from humble beginnings, Margaret made it her mission to give the best life she could to her children and grandchildren. Because of her love and commitment to family, her legacy will live on in them. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the “Mimaw Gooch Memorial Fund for Single Moms” through 100 Families in Searcy. <https://donorbox.org/mimaw-gooch-memorial-fund-for-single-moms>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 5:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
400 West Arch Avenue  
Searcy, AR 72143

## Funeral Service

MAR 25. 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
1210 Tate Rd  
Boliver, TN 38008

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Ann Claunch



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 20, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Claunch.



March 24, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ Love, Kelly, Tracy & Oliver purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Margaret Ann Claunch.



Love, Kelly, Tracy & Oliver - March 23, 2023 at 09:00 AM

KY

“ *Kathy Moss Youngblood lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ann Claunch*



**Kathy Moss Youngblood** - March 22, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Claunch.*



March 19, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Claunch.*



March 18, 2023 at 11:31 PM

DM

“ *Such a precious lady. Prayers for comfort during these difficult days for the family*



**David and Shari Morris** - March 18, 2023 at 11:24 PM

CB

“ *Such a precious lady that loves all! Prayers for Harold, Cindy and all the family today and in days ahead!* ”



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**Carla Bartlett** - March 17, 2023 at 09:04 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Bill & Cheryl Jones purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret Ann Claunch.* ”



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**Love, Bill & Cheryl Jones** - March 17, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Ann Claunch.* ”



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March 17, 2023 at 08:18 PM