



Nell Cleveland Gunter

March 8, 1921 - March 15, 2014

Nell Cleveland Mayton Gunter

Nell Cleveland Mayton Gunter went to be with her Lord on March 15, 2014. Nell was born on March 8, 1921 to Emma and Cleve Mayton in Hope Arkansas. She grew up in Patmos, Arkansas and earned her Registered Nurse credentials from St. Joseph Hospital in Hot Springs. She married Harold Gunter and they had one child, Judy Carol. The couple moved to Little River County where they made their home. Nell worked as an RN at the Ashdown Clinic from 1952-1998. When she retired on November 15, 1998 the city of Ashdown, Arkansas honored her with a Nell Gunter Day. A devoted Christian who loved her church, Nell taught Sunday School for over fifty years at First Baptist Church Ashdown, Arkansas. Nell was active in local politics and was appointed by the governor to the State Board of Health of Arkansas.

Nell loved her family and was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

After the death of her husband Harold in 1960, Nell devoted her life to raising their only child Judy, always being there for her. In her later years she spent much of her time enjoying her two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Nell's life was richly blessed by the many friends she made in Ashdown, Arkansas and Little River

County. She moved to Abilene, Texas in 2008 to be near her daughter where she made many new friends. The family wishes to express appreciation to residents and staff of Royal Estates and to Dr. Barry Moak.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Cooper Gunter; her parents Emma and Cleve Mayton; three sisters, Rae Martin, Wilma Wilson, and Judy May; and five brothers, Saner Mayton, Tommy Mayton, Jim Mayton, Doyle Mayton and Frank Mayton. She is survived by her daughter Judy Carol Gunter Brisco and her husband Tommy of Abilene, Texas; two grandchildren Carole Renae Brisco Calder and her husband John of Round Rock, Texas and their three children, Bryce, Ethan, and Kate; and Brian Cooper Brisco and his wife Sarah of Fort Worth, Texas and their children Luke and Carter.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Wednesday March 19, 2014 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church, Ashdown, Arkansas with Reverend Butch Riddle officiating. Visitation will be at First Baptist Church Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Memorials in Nell's honor should be given to First Baptist Church, 70 North Park Ave., Ashdown, Arkansas 71822.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nell Cleveland Gunter*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Mrs. Gunter was such a sweet lady. No matter what the problem was that brought you to the clinic, she would put your mind at ease. She had so much love for people. We have many fond memories of her. Lifting your family in prayer.*

Larry & Teresa Cowart - Ashdown, AR - March 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nell gave me a ride to and from 1st Baptist church many a Sunday night and Wednesday nights over the years. I have thought of her kindness many times since.*

My family lived in front of Nell, Harold and Judys home in Wilton at the sawmill when Harold passed away. I remember it like it was yesterday. I was about 6 years old and I wondered as a kid why God let such a nice man die. Finally decided, He (God) needed a good song leader in Heaven.

Never liked her giving me a shot, she always said, this might sting a little.

Sorry for your lost, Judy, but I am sure your Dad is glad to see her after all these years.

Tommy Payne - Tyler, TX - Friend - March 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“thoughts of Ms Gunter make me smile, giving me a shot or pinching me during church so I'd stop talking. They felt the same. She shared her loving heart with so many people for such a long time and will be missed. Her spirit will remain with us forever. We were blessed by knowing her. So sorry for your loss, Judy.

Cynthia Thrash - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *It is with a bittersweetness that I hear of losing Mrs. Nell Gunter. Bitter because she is loved by so many for so long. Sweet because she has gone to Glory, praise God. I cannot think of a single soul more deserving of a tribute here on Earth and in Heaven.*

I have so many wonderful memories of Mrs. Gunter it would take a book to write them all. I worked with her at Ashdown Clinic from the time I graduated high school in 1979 to 1986. I'll try to narrow it down to just one memory, however.

I remember the clinic would receive a box of chocolates for different occasions and if you worked with the gang at Ashdown Clinic you'll know where I'm going with this story. Dr. Armstrong would come into the clinic and spot the chocolates in the breakroom and there would be a resounding "NELLLLLLLL!!!" I don't think we ever had a box of chocolates where each one wasn't smushed just a little bit in the middle on top, about the size of Mrs. Gunter's index finger. That was her way of seeing what was in them before she ate one. How we all loved Mrs. Gunter! She was the best at what she did and added into that fun and laughter and always her Bible on her desk.

How I will miss her! Love and prayers to Judy, Tommy, and family, so dear to her heart and ours.

Love to Mrs. Marjorie Stevens in the loss of such a wonderful friend. God bless and keep you until you and Mrs. Gunter are cruising the streets of Heaven together!

Teresa Moore-Hall - Ashdown, AR - Friend - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ God will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord God will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. (Isa. 25:8) I'm very sorry for your lose. May God's words seek to comfort you and your family.
Sincerely, Meryl

Meryl - Chapel Hill, NC - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I knew Nell only in her later years after she moved to Abilene. She was such a quiet, sweet person--standing tall and straight in stature and in character. She blessed my life with her positive attitude and her devotion to her Lord and her family. My prayers are with Judy and Tommy and their family.

Carlene Spicer - Abilene, TX - friend - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ She was such a wonderful lady!!! One of the main reasons I decided to go into nursing and haven't regreted that decision for 22 yrs now:) She definitely made a wonderful make on every life she touched - praying for ur family!!

Julie Bowman Jones - Texarkana, TX - Ashdown - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ My heart is heavy as I learned of Nell's passing. I have so many memories of her. In fact, every time I put earrings on I think of her because she pierced my ears in her kitchen! She was such an inspiration to so many and I feel blessed to have known her. Judy and Tommy, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Karen Owens Moyers - Crossett, AR - Friend - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I had the privilege to work at Ashdown Clinic with Nell Gunter for 6 years. And every time I saw her after that, she was always the same sweet, caring Christian lady that I worked with. My life was blessed by knowing her. My deepest sympathy and condolences go out to Judy and the family, but I know you take great comfort in knowing that you will see her again one day in Heaven.

Patty Kervin - Ashdown, AR - friend - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Nell Gunter personified nursing. I know that her example encouraged many young women and men to enter into health care. My late mother Myrt Thrash and my late Grandmother Emma Grace Hoover came close to revering Nell. She indeed was an Ashdown Icon. Judy and family, we are thankful for her life.

Fabienne Thrash - Texarkana, TX - Ashdown Friend - March 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM