



Carolyn Gatlin Beard, also known as Frances Carolyn Martin

March 17, 1934 - March 17, 2024

Carolyn Gatlin Beard, also known to others as Frances Carolyn Martin, was called home to be with her Lord on her 90th birthday, March 17, 2024. She was born in Tallahassee, Florida on March 17, 1934, to Andrew LaFayette Gatlin and Lovie Mae Hagans Gatlin. She was a lifelong resident in the Tallahassee and Woodville areas. Carolyn graduated from Leon High School.

Carolyn loved to cook and spend time with her family. She attended Capital Heights Baptist Church in Tallahassee, FL Carolyn was a proud member of the Elkettes, the ladies who support and promote all of the purposes of the Elks Lodge. She was Past President of the Elkettes and was once chosen as the Elkette of the Year for her hard work and dedication to her Lodge. Carolyn spent her career as an Administrative Assistant and retired from Florida State University.

A Funeral Service for Carolyn will be held on Thursday, March 21st, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Capital Heights Baptist Church, 7150 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32311. Refreshments will follow the service. Those who wish to attend the Graveside Service will leave the Church at 12:45 PM and travel to the White Church Cemetery located off Lawhon Road in Woodville, where Carolyn will be laid to rest.

Carolyn is survived by her children, Gary Leslie Beard (Ann), and twins Arthur

Dale Beard and Charlotte Gail Davis (Paul); sister Eleanor Marie Hamilton (Jim) and numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Andrew LaFayette Gatlin and Lovie Mae Casseaux; her beautiful granddaughter, Chrissy Hutchinson, and her other twelve brothers and sisters.

Carolyn was deeply loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

The family is being cared for by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Capital Heights Baptist Church
7150 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Burial

MAR 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

White Church Cemetery
Woodville , FL 32362

Tribute Wall

VO

“ Victor O. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Gatlin Beard, also known as Frances Carolyn Martin.



Victor O. - March 20, 2024 at 10:12 AM

DT

“ Dot, Sharon and Tammy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn Gatlin Beard, also known as Frances Carolyn Martin.



Dot, Sharon and Tammy - March 19, 2024 at 04:13 PM

GD

“ Mama, you were such a part of my every day life and I am so lost without you! I love and miss you so much. Thanks for all the things you taught me about life, although I never learned how to stop my heart from breaking during times like this. You were a Great Mother!!

Gail Davis - March 19, 2024 at 11:54 AM

VL

Hi Gail,

I worked with your precious Mama for several years at Alumni Village while I was a student. She was extraordinarily proud of you children. She talked about you often.

Your Mom was so kind to the students. She used to make the very best tomato sandwiches, zucchini casserole, and pumpkin rollups. I still have the recipes. rollups looked out for me. She knew I didn't have A/C for about a year, so she found me a used one someone was leaving behind and lent it to me. She and Stan even drove down to Deland in 1989 to come to our wedding. I loved her. She had the best sense of humor too, and the funniest sayings like, "cold hands, warm heart, dirty feet and no sweetheart". She was one of the favorite people I ever met. All the best,

Vicki Jackson Langrell

Vicki Langrell - September 01, 2024 at 03:31 PM