



Gretchen Graves Lewis

May 22, 1934 - September 6, 2023

In Loving Memory of Gretchen Graves Lewis

Gretchen Graves Lewis, a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, left this world on September 6, 2023, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Born on May 22, 1934, in Whitesville, New York, she was the fourth of eight children born to Clayton Graves and Madge Fillmore Graves.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Mark Graves, Edward Graves, Junior Graves, her sisters Maxine Graves and Georgia Graves, her beloved husband William "Bill" Lewis, and their cherished daughter Valerie Lewis. In her passing, Gretchen reunites with those she loved deeply and has missed for so long.

Gretchen's legacy lives on through her surviving children, Michael and Jeanette Lewis, Martin Lewis, and Thomas and Cindy Lewis, as well as her several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and brothers Gordon and Francis Graves. She touched the lives of all her family members with her enduring love, kindness, and warmth.

Family was Gretchen's greatest joy in life. Her devotion to her husband Bill was unwavering, and together they created a home filled with laughter, support, and cherished memories.

Gretchen had a zest for life that was palpable. She had a deep appreciation for music, particularly Bluegrass and Classic Country, which filled her home with the sweet melodies she adored. Her talent for playing the organ brought comfort and beauty to those fortunate enough to hear her play.

Gretchen will be remembered for her warm and welcoming spirit and her ability to bring people together. She leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life.

As we say goodbye to Gretchen, let us remember the love she gave so freely and the impact she made on each of our lives. In her memory, may we find solace in the knowledge that she is at peace, reunited with her loved ones, and that her spirit will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her.

A celebration of Gretchen's life will take place on November 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Nashville National Cemetery in Madison, Tennessee, where friends and family will gather to honor her memory and share the stories that made her life so remarkable.

Gretchen will be dearly missed but never forgotten. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Nashville National Cemetery
Madison, TN

Tribute Wall

BM

“ To Gretchen’s Family, we are so sorry for your loss and what a wonderful life Gretchen and Bill lived. We met them in 1997 at the KOA campground in Dover FL near Tampa. We are fellow RVers and loved staying at the park with Bill and Gretchen in charge. They were always kind, fun and, if need be, helpful. A lasting friendship was developed. We reside in Winston-Salem NC. At the time when Bill and Gretchen were ready to move to Raleigh, we packed up a utility trailer in Tampa and assisted them by moving their belongings. They were thrilled and we were too! We stayed in touch via email throughout the years to come. We also visited with her in Raleigh. We have cherished memories of being together. One thing that we did learn was that we should not have said that we did not and will not drink the Orange Kool aid! Orange was absolutely her favorite color! Although our friendship suffered a bit after that, she always has a special place in our hearts. We loved her and loved Bill very much! May her memories be a blessing to the family whom she loved so much. Thank you for sharing her with us and may you feel the presence of the Comforter and His peace throughout. With love, Bobby, Melene and Trevor

Bobby, Melene and Trevor McMannen - June 10, 2024 at 02:19 PM

CG

“ Christine Graves lit a candle in memory of Gretchen Graves Lewis



Christine Graves - October 08, 2023 at 08:11 PM

CG

Denny and I are sorry for your loss I loved visiting with Gretchen she was part of a beautiful family!

Christine Graves - October 08, 2023 at 08:15 PM

DF

“ *Sorry to hear, I had no idea. RIP Cousin and condolences to Mike, Marty and Tom.*

Denny Fillmore - October 06, 2023 at 07:41 PM

PF

“ *The Brooks family in Michigan sends our deepest sympathy. Gretchen is now with our Aunt Georgia and Uncle Shorty in heaven. What a grand time they will have. -Love the family of Marjorie and Burlee Brooks*

peggy Friess - October 06, 2023 at 01:55 PM

AM

“ *Annette Miles lit a candle in memory of Gretchen Graves Lewis*



Annette Miles - October 06, 2023 at 10:22 AM

FG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Francis Graves - October 05, 2023 at 10:53 PM

EO

“ *Ellen Oakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Gretchen Graves Lewis*



Ellen Oakes - October 05, 2023 at 10:44 PM

FF

“ *Fred And Darlene Elwell And Families lit a candle in memory of Gretchen Graves Lewis*



Fred and Darlene Elwell and Families - October 05, 2023 at 10:38 PM