Juanita Georgia "Nana" (Gibbs) James

Juanita was born June 1, 1931, in Sylva, NC, to Frankie (Creasman) and James David Gibbs. She moved to Washington where she completed her schooling. A very big influence in Juanita's upbringing was her Aunt Minnie, she taught her about the Lord and to always trust his guidance. She stayed in-touch with Aunt Minnie until her own passing. She was employed at St. Joseph's Hospital and worked as a nurse's aide until retirement. She belonged to the Church of God of Prophecy. Her work with Missions through the Church was greatly important to her. She enjoyed all needle work and baking; all of which she passed down onto her children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. She will be remembered for her ability to strike up conversations with those who needed it the most, raising her children to follow the Lord, and for always loving those around her.

Juanita Georgia "Nana" (Gibbs) James, 85, passed away suddenly on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Sturgis Regional Senior Care.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Fred James. Together they had 6 children; Dianna (Steve) Sjomeling, Dan (Rhea) James, Todd (Cindy) James, Terry (Clareen) James, and Larry (Sherryl) James; brothers, Jim (Evelyn) Gibbs and Jack Gibbs; and sisters, Linda, Libby, and May Kay "Katie;" 11 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and son, Fred Gerald James; and brothers, Frank Gibbs and Ed "JayBird" Gibbs.

A memorial has been established to Countryside Community Church Children's Mission.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family would like to invite you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.

In Loving Memory Of



Juanita Georgia James

1931 ~ 2016



A Mother's Farewell To Her Children

When I must leave you, for a little while,
Please do not grieve, and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!



In Loving Memory Of

Juanita Georgia James

Born

June 1, 1931 Sylva, North Carolina

Died

November 12, 2016 Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Kinkade Funeral Chapel Sturgis, South Dakota

*Officiating*Pastor Bill Wendt

Organist

Soloist
Cindy James

Roxie Chowen

Cindy Juni

Musical Selection "I'll Fly Away"

Pallbearers

Terry James ~ Larry James ~ Dan James Todd James ~ Billy James ~ Jerry Sjomeling Jason Sjomeling ~ Justin James

Honorary Pallbearers

Robert James ~ Michael James

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery Sturgis, South Dakota