



Margie Gaffney

August 14, 1932 - January 5, 2017

Margie Gaffney, 84 year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died January 5, 2017. Born in Holtville, Alabama, Margie was one of eight Henderson children born to loving parents Mr. Willy and Mrs. Lucy Henderson. For many years, Margie lived a colorful and unstoppable life, residing in various regions including Montgomery, Washington DC, Hawaii, San Francisco, Little Rock, and Siloam Springs, AR. Margie had an eclectic career ranging from dance instructor at Arthur Murray's, to bar and restaurant owner in San Francisco, to executive assistant at First Baptist Church in Little Rock. Wherever she was, Margie always wanted to sing, dance, laugh, or entertain. Margie had a keen sense of humor and intellect that was obviously inherited by her daughter, Amanda. Whether it was the house on Echo Valley (Little Rock) or in Siloam Springs, Amanda remembers that her mom always kept a home where all were welcome; Amanda's friends remember Margie making the best grilled cheese for lunch and plate overlapping pancakes for breakfast. Margie's favorite songs included "Amazing Grace", most everything by the Gaither family, and "Love the One You're With" which on any regular day at the bar in San Francisco you might have heard her sing, microphone in hand, while standing on top of the bar. Margie was a past member of the Pulaski County Republican Women's Association, a member of First Baptist Church in Little Rock, and a current member of Sager Creek Community Church in Siloam Springs. Margie is now a proud member of the Kingdom of Heaven and is also a forever member of Amanda's heart and soul.

Margie is survived by one daughter, Amanda Gaffney Pace of Bellevue, Washington; one sister, Doris "Dot" Boyd of California; and one brother, Hunter "Hank" Henderson of Alabama. The Henderson family, both living and passed, have an unbreakable tie of love for each other and for those around them.

Later in the year, the family will have a celebration of life at Coosa River Primitive Baptist church in Alabama where Mr. Willy Henderson was a church Deacon and is also laid to rest with Lucy.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tammy Stanley lit a candle in memory of Margie Gaffney* ”



Tammy Stanley - January 23, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ Aunt "Dot" Doris Boyd had plans for a trip from Carmichael, CA, to Marietta, GA, in mid September to celebrate Uncle Hank's 94th birthday and his and Aunt Geneva's 74th wedding anniversary (Sept. 21 & 22). Ken & Sharon Henderson Rooke had added a beautiful addition onto their home to provide Uncle Hank & Aunt Geneva with their own space--a home away from their home in Montgomery, AL.

It had been over four years since they had seen each other. Gary and I didn't want her to miss out on the opportunity of seeing them for what might be their last time seeing each other this side of Heaven. We drove to Siloam Springs and brought Aunt Margie back to Alabama for a visit. She and I drove to Marietta for a reunion with her siblings. We had a lovely time with some of Sharon's family, Diann Lee Smyth & Wayne Henderson, who came over for the day. We had three wonderful weeks with Aunt Margie before taking her back home to Siloam Springs.

I loved Aunt Margie dearly and talked with her almost daily! I miss our phone calls!! I am thankful for the assurance that because of her faith and trust in The LORD JESUS CHRIST that she is with HIM and all other family members that preceded her in death! I'm a little jealous of that sweet reunion that is taking place even now!

Amanda, you were her heart!! You were never out of her thoughts!! You may be an adult, but you were always her baby!! As a mother of two adult young women--I understand!! I pray that the wonderful memories you have of her will overshadow your sorrow!!

*Proud to have been her niece,
Carol Ann Henderson Cardwell*

Carol Cardwell - January 22, 2017 at 03:24 PM