



## Gail D. Feathers

February 29, 1940 - February 3, 2016

Gail Deane Ford Feathers, 75, Johnson City, went home to be with her Savior on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at Franklin Woods Community Hospital. A native and lifelong resident of Johnson City, Gail was a daughter of the late John Allison and Ruth Bacon Martin Ford. She was a graduate of East Tennessee State College, where she received her Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education. Gail retired in 1993 from the Sullivan County School System where Mrs. Feathers taught second grade at Weaver Elementary School for thirty-two years. She was an active member of Hawthorne Church of the Brethren. Gail is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, J.D. Feathers; her daughter, Ruth Swonger and husband John, two granddaughters, Katie and Maggie Swonger, all of Johnson City; her sister, Vivian Feathers and husband, Osler, nephew, John Feathers and wife Lindsey, all of Piney Flats; her sister-in-law, Sarah Baker, Johnson City; several very loved nieces and nephews, many, many friends. The funeral service will be conducted Friday, February 5, 2016, at 7:00 P.M., from the East Chapel of Appalachian Funeral Home, with Pastors Don Hilton, Wes Ford, Craig Ford and Stanley Peek, officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service Friday from 4:00-7:00 P.M. in the East Parlor of the funeral home. The graveside committal service will be held Saturday at 10:30 A.M. in Monte Vista Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be John Elsea, Ben Esh, John Feathers, Jerry Ford, Bill Humphry, Richard Hyatt, Sidney Martin III, and Ralph Stevens. Those planning to attend are to meet at the funeral home by 10:00 A.M. Saturday to proceed to the cemetery. Order Flowers Service Details Friday, February 5th, 2016 7:00pm, Appalachian Funeral Home- East Chapel Interment Details Monte Vista Memorial Park

# Comments

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“ May God grant your family peace and understanding. Love to all of the family.

**Mike and Kathryn (Moore) Biggs** - August 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Gail's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find peace and comfort in knowing she is waiting for you on the other side! God Bless all of you!

**Beryl & Janice Walker** - August 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ A candle was lit by Appalachian Funeral Home & Cremation Service lit a memorial candle

on February 4, 2016 2:28 PM

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“ Such a blessing to have known her Gail's (Ms. Feathers to me when I was young) daughter, Ruthanne, was one of my first and dearest friends when I first came to Johnson City from England at the age of 12, and Gail and JD were a second family. They loved me like a daughter and showed me the true meaning of family. Every time I walked through the door, there was Gail putting food on the table for me. The very first time I left my first born for a family emergency, it was Gail, JD, and Ruthie whom I trusted. What a wonderful lady she was, and what a wonderful legacy she has left in her daughter, Ruthanne.

**Kathryn Biggs** - August 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ Ruthann and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss Mrs Gail was a very special lady even though she will be away for a short while have peace comes within knowing you will see her again mine and my family's prayers will be with you and yours throughout this difficult time. Love Anthony, Ashley, Makayla, Kamryn, April, Roy, Lucas and Darlene Ford

**Darlene Ford** - August 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ My Friend To Ruth Ann and all the family ... My thoughts and sympathy are with all of you today. I have many wonderful memories of Gail when she and JD visited in Florida. She was a God loving woman and it showed by her love for others. I wish she could have made one more trip to Florida, and another visit with our family. Take care and know that all of you are loved. With much sympathy. Jean Gastfield

**Jean Gastfield** - August 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ A Very Gracious Lady I met Gail and family when I first came to Austin Springs Methodist Church as a young bride. Most of the church members were related to my husband's family (Harry Larimer) and I could have been a little intimidated, thinking that I was being put in the spotlight. However, when I met Gail, her warmth and acceptance made me feel right at home and I knew I had a friend amongst all the "inlaws". Ruthanne was such a sweet little girl and I enjoyed having her as a student while being in children's ministries over the years. She became a beautiful Christian lady and her old teacher is very proud of her. J.D., Ruthanne, Vivian and all the rest of the family, my deepest sympathy, but I rejoice that Gail is in the arms of her Lord and Savior. I look forward to eternity and seeing her again. I regret that due to physical issues, I am unable to attend her graduation service tonight. I know there will be a great celebration for this very gracious lady. "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." II Corinthians 5:8 May the Peace of Jesus rest with all of you tonight and in the coming days. God bless each of you, Charlene Larimer Elliott

**Charlene Larimer Elliott** - August 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ Our condolences to the Feathers family. May you all take comfort from the Bible's promise of a resurrection found at John 5:28,29.

**Smith** - August 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM