



Mary Gail Freeman

October 5, 1933 - June 8, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Mary Abigail Henley Freeman, 91, passed away on June 8, 2025 at home after a brief but rapid decline of her health. Mary Gail was a devoted wife, mother, cousin, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to all who knew and loved her. Her faith in God was of the utmost importance, and she lived her beliefs. A longtime resident of Jackson, Mississippi, Mary Gail had lived in Olive Branch, Mississippi for the past 20 years. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Herman Freeman, her parents Josephine Haynes and John Bryant Henley, grandson Eric West, brother-in-law and sister-in-law D. G. and Etta Vera Seago, and numerous cousins. She is survived by her daughters Deb Freeman West and her husband Garnett, Ann Freeman Gilbert and her husband Louis, grandchildren Hunter Bryant Gilbert (Anna), Amanda Gilbert Clawson (Josh), Mary Abigail West, Garnett Bert West III and Jason Blair West, and great-grandchildren Jackson West, James West, Anna Blair West, Baker Clawson, Tilda Gilbert, Nora Clawson, Lennard Gilbert, and Henry Clawson.

Mary Gail was born in Crosby, Mississippi on October 5, 1933 and was the only child of John and Josephine Henley. As the daughter of two educators, Mary started school at 4 years of age, finished high school at 16, and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi at age 19. She worked

briefly in Baton Rouge, Louisiana until she returned home to Mississippi. She and Herman were introduced to each other by Herman's college roommate, Eston Perrott while attending a local high school basketball game. They married on July 24, 1955 in Gloster, Mississippi and their first home on Terry Road in Jackson later became their State Farm office. Mary Gail first worked for State Farm in Jackson, and later, Herman became an agent with her at his side in the office. Mary Gail was incredibly organized at work and at home, and their clients during those years were very special to them. Mary Gail loved her family fiercely, and was very proud of her girls, their husbands, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mary Gail was a gifted pianist, and for many years, she shared her talents by playing the piano at Leavell Woods United Methodist Church in Jackson. She was actively involved in Sunday School, United Methodist Women, and numerous committees, where she and Herman were blessed to have many lifelong friends at church and in the community. After retirement, they moved to Olive Branch and continued to love God and neighbor. She was a member of First Global Methodist Church in Hernando and was an avid Memphis Grizzlies fan as she continued to watch basketball in her later years.

The family would like to express our heartfelt love and gratitude to Peggy Patterson, Kitty Vaupell and Becky Medina who took such wonderful care of her during the last year as her health declined, and to her wonderful friends who cared for her and loved her as we did.

A service celebrating Mary Gail's life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch (6815 Parkview Boulevard, Olive Branch, MS 38654). The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Services will be officiated by Rev. Bill Beavers, and honorary pallbearers are Bert West, Jason West, Hunter Gilbert, Josh Clawson, John David Thomas, Matthew Thomas, John Jones and Larry Paylor. Interment will be on Friday, June 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Parkway

Memorial Cemetery, 1161 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157. The interment will be officiated by Rev. Barry Male, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Together Ministry Center, Post Office Box 462, Olive Branch, Mississippi 38654. (www.togetherministrycenter.org)

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUN 12. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Committal Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Parkway Memorial Cemetery
1161 Highland Colony Pkwy
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Gail Freeman



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - June 10, 2025 at 05:40 PM

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What a wonderful tribute!

Alan & Kay Pigg - June 14, 2025 at 06:20 PM

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What a beautiful tribute!

Alan & Kay Pigg - June 14, 2025 at 06:23 PM

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Thank you for sharing. It was so nice to catch up on our friends. Mary and Herman were our friends many many many years ago at Leavell Wood Methodist Church and it is nice to be able to see how happy they were in the later years.

Would like to say hello to the girls. It seems like your family was full of love and Mary had a wonderful life!

Alan & Kay Pigg - June 14, 2025 at 06:28 PM

LB

“ *What the world needs now is love sweet love the kind that was shown to me and my dear mother by you Mrs Mary Freeman and your beloved husband Herman Freeman. The respect and kindness that you both gave my mother and me said a lot about the two beautiful souls you both were and for that I am deeply grateful. Now you Mary Gail, Herman and my Mom can rejoice together knowing "little kindnesses on earth makes big merits in heaven." To all of the Freeman families I offer my sincerest condolences. What a wonderful legacy your love ones left. Peace Deb.*



Linda Campbell Beamon

Linda Campbell Beamon - August 30, 2025 at 08:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Gail Freeman.*



June 11, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Gail Freeman.*



June 11, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Gail Freeman.* ”



June 11, 2025 at 12:20 PM



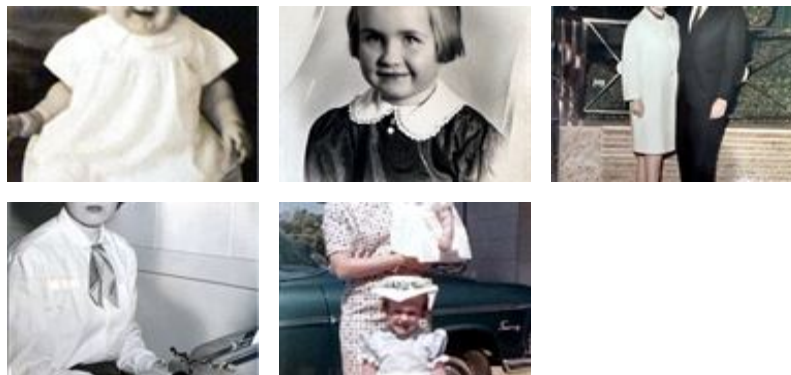
“ *Randy & Kim Clawson purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Gail Freeman.* ”



Randy & Kim Clawson - June 11, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ *125 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - June 10, 2025 at 05:36 PM

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“ *The Coatney Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mary Gail Freeman.*



The Coatney Family - June 10, 2025 at 03:13 PM

DB

“ *My parents considered Mr. and Mrs. Freeman to be among their closest friends. So many of our family memories include the Freemans. I know she has been reunited with her beloved Herman.*

David Bass - June 10, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Gail Freeman.*



June 10, 2025 at 11:28 AM

PP

“ *My sweetest memories with Mary Gail was talking about her parents who were my school teachers. Mr. Henley was our principal and Mrs. Henley taught me algebra . She loved my stories & I can still hear her laughing. I loved you & Herman, sweet lady.
Sincerely, Paula Phipps*

Paula Phipps - June 09, 2025 at 06:12 PM