



## Clara Gaynell Stewart

June 9, 1933 - November 21, 2020

Dr. Clara Gaynell Stewart was promoted to glory at 2:11 A.M. Saturday morning November 21, 2020. Born June 9, 1933 in Rocky River, TN.

We rejoice that for over 80 years, she was a deeply devoted follower of Jesus Christ. She leaves behind her beloved husband of 64 years, Dr. James Stewart, six children, Ruth Porter (Dan) of Milliken, CO, Sharon Howell of Jackson, GA, Rebekah Garner (Gary) of Gay, GA, Dr. Stephen Stewart of Albertville, AL, Sarah Mathis (Max) of Newnan, GA and Martha Gillette (Dan) of Fayetteville, GA. She also leaves behind 42 grandchildren and great grandchildren..

She was a Registered Nurse, retired Special Education teacher and Department Head for Fulton, County, GA for 34 years. She also served as the Greek and Bible College Professor at Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary.

She graduated from Bryan College in Dayton, TN. She also studied at Wright State, Ball State, Ohio State, and Georgia State Universities. She earned her Doctorate in Religious Education from Immanuel..

Her celebration of life service will be Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at Line Creek Baptist Church 1488 Bob Smith Road Sharpsburg, GA. The viewing will be held on Monday, November 23, 2020 from 5-7 P.M. at Line Creek Baptist Church where she was a faithful church member. Previously, she taught Sunday School for over 27 years at Mills Chapel Baptist Church in Newnan, GA.

She will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 656 Roscoe Road in Newnan. The Officiants will be Dr. J. Stephen Stewart and Dr. David Hammonds.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary to the Dr. Clara G. Stewart Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2667, Peachtree City, GA 30269. Flowers are also welcomed.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Forest Lawn Memorial  
Park**

656 Roscoe Road  
Newnan, GA, 30263

**NOV Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM  
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Line Creek Baptist Church  
1488 Bob Smith Road/P.O. Box 757, Sharpsburg, GA,  
US, 30277

**NOV Service** 11:00AM  
**24**

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US, 30277

# Comments

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“ I am privileged to have known such a great and Godly woman.  
Prayers for the family and friends.  
Sincerely,  
Dr. Eddie R.Parrott

**Eddie parrott** - November 23, 2020 at 09:44 PM

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“ Chris and Sandy VanFossan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Clara Gaynell Stewart.



**Sandra VanFossan** - November 23, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“ God servant had been called home np more pain a legacy of commitment and a heart of joy  
Loved Dr Clara Stewart

**Dr Linda Gale Jones** - November 23, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ My friend, Gaynell Stewart, will certainly be missed! But it is such a comfort to know she is pain free and rejoicing in Glory!!! What a fine dedicated Christian lady! She faithfully served her LORD, using the gift of teaching that He gave her. I know she had other gifts as well, such as the one that always lifted my spirit every time I was with her...her sweet and witty personality. Surely that is a gift God gave to her!... it brought such cheer to me, and to many others. Praying for Dr. Stewart and all the family at this difficult time.

**Connie Bratcher** - November 23, 2020 at 01:37 PM

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“ Gaynell was a devoted follower of the Lord. She loved life, God's Word, family, and everyone who crossed her path. She was always happy and entertaining with her unmatched sense of humor. I cannot imagine family get-togethers without Gaynell. She will be sorely missed. So glad she is home with her Lord and Savior she adored.

**Vivian Thomson** - November 23, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Thank you Aunt Vivian.

**sarah mathis** - November 23, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clara Gaynell Stewart.



November 23, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ She was my favorite aunt, she taught me so much. She was the wind beneath my wings she was my hero

**Mary Gay Jamison** - November 22, 2020 at 11:48 PM

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“ Some of my favorite memories of my aunt Gaynell...when I was a young child I spent my Summer out of school with my aunt Gaynell and my grandma

**Mary Gay Jamison** - November 22, 2020 at 11:43 PM

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“ Sarah, I am so sorry to hear your mother has passed. We are sad, but she is where she's been living to go. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

**Jarhonda Vaughn** - November 22, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ Thank you Jarhonda for taking the time to post. My heart is broken but rejoicing that she is no longer in pain.

**sarah mathis** - November 22, 2020 at 10:49 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Aunt Gaynell was a wonderful woman I enjoyed being around her she will be missed love you all. Carol an Roger white

**Carol white** - November 22, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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“ Prayers for the family.



**Julie Lee** - November 22, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ Thank you, Julie.

**sarah mathis** - November 22, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ Ms Gaynelle was one of the most wonderful people I ever met! Even though she herself had earned a doctorate degree she said she chose to be known by the title of Mrs Stuart because it was the one she lived most! I'll be seeing you when I get to Heaven I love you Ms Gaynelle

**Carolyn Cato** - November 22, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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“ It's been a long time since I've seen my grandma for one reason or another. But I do remember she loved honeycomb cereal. I dont remember a whole lot unfortunately but I do remember one memory that her and I and one of my cousins when we were very young, she would plop us on the counter and pour us a bowl of honeycomb and we would we just sit there enjoying her company and a good cereal. She also would put ice in her milk which I never really got....until I became an adult and I've done it. Lol she was definitely a woman of immense strength, love and faith. Which I see that in my own mother. So I am blessed to have known and loved her.

**Suzanne Sarters** - November 22, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ That's so sweet Suzanne. You remembered her well. She loved Honeycomb cereal and was truly a remarkably strong women. We will miss you being part of the celebration of life.

**sarah mathis** - November 22, 2020 at 10:53 PM

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“ Mrs. Stewart was a joyful person who loved the Lord. She was a light on this earth that shined for Jesus! I have so many fond memories of her from Mills Chapel Baptist Church. She was always smiling, upbeat, and positive even though you knew that she was in pain and suffering most of the time. She was also a comedian who loved to make others laugh. She loved children too. I can see in my mind the children, including my own daughter, flocking to her at church because they knew she loved them and that she had a piece of candy or bubblegum for each one of them. All people of every age were special and important to her.

Mrs. Stewart was a great teacher and Bible scholar. She taught the older ladies at our church, and they spoke so highly of her and her knowledge of God's Word. I remember how their Sunday School Class grew over the years and that their class would win the competitions for highest attendance. She encouraged and inspired those ladies to do the Lord's work no matter what age they were.

I always admired the ministry that both she and Dr. Stewart shared over the years. I was amazed at all they had done and all the countries they had gone to in order to minister.

Even though she and Dr. Stewart had a large family with six children, she seemed to find the time to minister to others throughout the years. I never grew tired of hearing their stories of their ministry work across the world. She would travel to India even though she really should not have because of her own health issues, but she placed God's work first in her life.

My most special memory is when she invited me to lunch one day many years ago. Just the two of us went to the Italian Oven in Peachtree City because I worked in Peachtree City, and she lived close by there. She had a knack for making everyone feel special, and she was always willing to listen to any problem, concern, or prayer request. I felt special that day because she considered me her friend, and she took time out of her schedule to spend an hour or so with me.

We will miss Mrs. Stewart, but will remember her through our memories. I can just imagine now how she is acting and feeling in the Lord's presence today -- no more pain, illnesses, deformities, troubles, or sorrows! She has a perfect glorified body and is focused on praising the Lord! This is just the beginning for her in Glory!

To Dr. Stewart and the family, I know the pain that you are feeling, but I'm asking the Holy Spirit to give you a special heavenly hug to comfort and encourage your hearts as only He can. We love you all!

Ellece Brown

Ellece Brown - November 22, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ Thank you, Ellece. You knew her well! Beautiful description of her life. Thank you for being her friend.

sarah mathis - November 22, 2020 at 10:55 PM



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Vivian Thomson - November 23, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ Amazing lady .

I am thankful the Steward family shared her with me.

I was but simple man lacking self confidence.

At the suggestion of her beloved son , I took her speech class .

I always felt unworthy in my Pursuit, towards God's call on my life .

What she taught me will last me a life time.

it might have been as simple as practicing saying a word ,

I would go home and practice saying the word over and over again so

I would not disappoint her .

I remember asking her how do you know when God call you ,

she said you pursue him and He will Pursue you.

I took that challenge to heart and began doing just that .

A couple of months ago ;

I called her just to seek her advice ,

We chatted,

Her advice to me was to keep pursuing God .

I remember feeling like nobody cared about me and then my pastor shared his mom with me.

I remember feeling uneducated enough to take her class but she made me feel welcome.

I remember her taking extra time with me to listen to me after class , when I had question, we just sit and talk.

I thankful God gave me the opportunity to share that with her not long ago ,

( Yes phone call are important) I felt something in me say call and did just that.

Some people you meet will have eternal stamp on your life .

I could imagine the conversation going on in heaven right now , my mom meeting your mom face to face .

I now imagine my mom saying thank you; Dr Steward for loving my son Mike while he took your class.

And till the day we all get to heaven, lets all rejoice for our great treasurer on Earth loved one's that make our life better along life Journey ,

let's praise Jesus till that day comes .

Mike Fuson

Mike Fuson - November 22, 2020 at 11:14 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara Gaynelle Stewart.



November 22, 2020 at 08:48 AM