



Dorothy Gay Sowell

October 4, 1934 - August 6, 2025

Dorothy Gay Sowell, age 90, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025, in Statesboro, Georgia, surrounded by her loving family. Born on October 4, 1934, in Clyattville, Georgia, she was the daughter of Charlie and Rena (Zipperer) Gay.

Dorothy earned her high school diploma and went on to build a meaningful career as the Head Secretary at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. Dorothy found joy in serving her community as a longtime member of Anastasia Baptist Church, the Lions Club and the Moose Lodge. In her free time, she loved crocheting and watching movies. Dorothy will be remembered for her unwavering love for her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Gary Sowell Sr. and Brian Sowell (Pam Sowell); grandchildren, Gary Lynn Sowell (Jennifer Sowell), Bridget Dighton (Nathan Dighton), Justin Sowell (Jeannie Sowell), Brianna Newton (Chris Newton); great grandchildren, Brittany Riddell (Mykel), Jacob Sowell (Katelyn), Julia Rhoads (Garrett Rhoads), Jenna Sowell, Emily Dighton, Grayson Sowell, Jocelyn Sowell, Trinity Sowell and 5 great great grandchildren.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 57 years, Herbert Sowell; brother, Roy Gay (Gayle Gay); sister, Mildred Crawley, and

grandson, Johnathan Sowell.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 15th from 3 p.m. until time of Funeral Service at 4 p.m. at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, 385 SR 207 St. Augustine, FL 32084. Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, August 16th at 11 a.m. at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Valdosta, GA.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home
385 SR 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-1625
<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory
385 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL

Graveside Service

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sunset Hill Cemetery
Valdosta, GA 31601

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember many good times with the Sowell. They always invited us to tag along with them. They were so wonderful to us. So many great times with their family & I enjoyed every memory. They will always be remembered with loving hearts!

Lisa (Sparkman) Campolieto - August 14, 2025 at 09:44 PM

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“ From Awaken Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Gay Sowell.



From Awaken Church Family - August 13, 2025 at 11:22 PM

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“ From Awaken Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dorothy Gay Sowell.

From Awaken Church Family - August 13, 2025 at 11:22 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Gay Sowell.



August 12, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dorothy Gay Sowell.

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“ David and Michelle Gay purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dorothy Gay Sowell.



David and Michelle Gay - August 09, 2025 at 12:27 PM