



## Gail S. Ward

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Gail S. Ward, age 82, of St. Augustine, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at her son's home surrounded by her family. She was born in Eufaula, AL. to William Earl and Gladys Adcock Smith in 1935, attended public school, graduated from Eufaula High School and attended Auburn University. At an early age, she professed her faith in Jesus Christ and was Baptized at the Washington Street Methodist Church where she later married Bob Ward, "the love of her life". Together, they were the loving parents of five children: Gladys Anne, Ed, Earl, Beth, and David. The Family moved to St Augustine in 1967, where Bob built a thriving Agricultural Supply Business (Ward Ag Products), and Gail became one of the most successful Avon Representatives in the area. She won multiple Mrs. Albee Presidents Awards after achieving record sales for many years. After Bob's passing in 1994, Gail answered the call to open "The Wonder of Truth" Christian Bookstore. Her passion to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and serve the Christian community through the bookstore was her ministry for many years. Gail was also the President of Farmers Realty in Hastings. It's often been said that the heartfelt prayers of a Mother for her Children and Family are one of the most beautiful and powerful forces in the universe. Gail started that practice at an early age, reading Bible stories to her siblings: Earl, Carol, Jeannine, and Tyson. No matter what stage of life, or circumstance took her, she remained a steadfast servant of the Lord,

sharing the love of Christ in various Children and Adult ministries. Without a doubt however, no love filled her heart more than that of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She devoted herself tirelessly to making sure that they knew exactly how much God loves them through her unselfish love. Her daughters-in-law always looked to her as another "Mother" instead of a Mother in law which is a Blessing only someone like Gail could provide. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Edward Ward, Jr., and a daughter, Gladys Ann Ward. She is survived by a daughter, Beth Parker (Danny) of Satsuma, FL. sons, Ed Ward of Chicago, Ill., Earl Ward (Leigh) of St. Augustine, David Ward (Amy) of St. Augustine; sisters, Carol Moss of Jacksonville, Jeannine DeVenny (Jimmy) of Auburn, Alabama; brothers, Earl Smith (Barbara Ann) of Sharpsburg, Ga. Tyson Smith (Annie) of Lonetree, Colorado,; grandchildren, Sara Dewitt (Jon), Lisa Fogle (Adam), Mallory Aussem (Chris), Miles Ward, Rachel Ward, Anna Ward, Ian Ward, Christie Coleman (Kevin), great grandchildren, Kaylie Dewitt, Laci Fogle and Madi Fogle. She is also survived by two special aunts: Louise Britt, Eufaula, AL, and Jewel Sconyers, Dothan, AL, and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. Funeral services will be held at 11 am this Saturday, April 28th at Anastasia Baptist Church (1650 A1A South, St Augustine, FL 32080) , followed by a Celebration of Life reception in the CLC Atrium. A Graveside service will follow at Craig Memorial Park at 2:00 p.m. Flowers are gratefully accepted, and donations in her honor may be made to the Anastasia Baptist Church Building Fund, 1650 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080 and to Community Hospice of NE FL, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. (For website donations, click Memorial Donations.) St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ We are thinking about you all especially today and sending our hugs and prayers for peace and strength. What a wonderful, loving and caring person Gail was, She touched so many lives and made this world a much better place just by being in it. Blessings to all of you! Much love from the "Jewell Adcock branch" of our wonderful family tree (and the families of Cynthia, Kathy, David and me Debbie).

Debbie Blackmon - April 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful mother. Aunt Gail modeled love in every way. We know this is a sad time for all of you and pray that you will recover the joy you once knew in her presence. Our family is thinking of yours at this time.

Teresa Blackburn Miska - April 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Had the pleasure of knowing Gail for a few years through Sara, Lisa, and Beth. She is a beautiful spirit who has finally found resting place. Love to the family.

Amber Acosta - April 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Ward's passing. Truly one of the sweetest people to walk this earth. Please accept my condolences for your family's loss.

Melissa Mills - April 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Mrs Ward will forever be part of my childhood memories- MYF, Sunday School, youth retreats, Vacation Bible School, etc... she was always there to help out!! Her smile and kindness make a big impression on me. She and Mr. Ward raised a beautiful Family as well. Love to you all!!!

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**Judy Binninger** - April 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear family and friends of Gail Ward. Please accept our deepest heartfelt sympathy for your loss. She was a wonder full warm woman. Again our deepest sympathy. Lawrence & Helga

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**Lawrence and Helga Goldman** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ My deepest condolences to Earl and the whole Ward family. It is certainly a testament to Mrs Ward for raising such loving and giving members of the community. Im sure she will continue to watch over all of you.

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**Ellen Bissett-Kemper** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Mrs.Ward was my neighbor for many years ...a kind loving lady ...peace and love to her friends and family ....

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**Ginny Fulton lea** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TR

“Earl, Im so sorry to hear of your moms lpadsing. She has been a friend for many many years as you know. I enjoyed worshipping with her, your dad and you kids. She always helped me buy the right version of the Bible when I was leading a One Year Bible class at the Presbyterian Church. Well, at last she has received her Heavenly welcome and well all be together again! God bless you and your family!

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**Tom Rivers** - April 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM