



Mrs Gladys Austin

March 18, 1935 - June 16, 2025

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies”
Proverbs 31:10

A Time to Be Born...

Gladys Basnight Austin was born on March 18, 1935 to John Clarence Basnight and Smithy Leary Basnight. She began her life journey in Edenton, North Carolina.

A Time to Grow...

A resident of Edenton, North Carolina for 84 years she was beloved throughout the community. She was educated in Chowan County Schools and worked in several community businesses including Pelikan Manufacturing, Carter’s Ink, and the bakery at Food Lion. In 2019 she relocated to Lagrange, NC to live with her daughter Patsy.

A Time to Serve the Lord...

Gladys was strong in her faith and attended the Church of Christ in Edenton and Goldsboro, North Carolina. She was known for having a servant’s heart. If someone was in need Gladys was quick to offer support and guidance. She

loved the energy and spirit of the youth and opened her home to many neighborhood children. Friends and family members have fond memories of spending summers staying at her home with her and her husband, Vernon.

A Time to Die...

On Monday evening June 16, 2025, Ms. Gladys, as she was affectionately known, peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home while under the care of Signature HealthCARE of Kinston, North Carolina.

A Time to Mourn...

Gladys was preceded in death by her loving husband, Vernon Lee Austin; her son, Randy Kent Austin of Durham, NC; her daughter, Lorissa Austin; brothers, McKinley Holley, Leroy Basnight, William Basnight, and a foster son, George Wilder.

She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memories, her daughters, Patsy Austin, Karen Fletcher (Aaron); godson, Godwyn Bond; her sisters, Esther Murphy, Carolyn Melton, Fannie Wright (Harold), and Betty Hoggard; her brothers, Arthur Rankins, Jr (Mabel), Charlie Rankins (Elaine) and Randy Rankins; six grandchildren, Randy Austin Jr. (Jessica), Chanel Austin, Jordan Boseman (Shante), Ashton Brown, Reagan Fletcher, and Dillon Fletcher; her five great grandchildren, Makayla Horton, Karleigh Chamberlain, Liam Cowger, Theodore Austin, and Dominick Austin; her daughter-in-law, Denise Austin; a devoted lifetime friend, Ms. Mabel Jordan; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Her strength and love lives on through us all.

Cemetery Details

Beaver Hill Cemetery

Edenton, NC 27932

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Edenton Church of Christ
117 Mexico Road
Edenton, NC 27932

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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117 Mexico Road
Edenton, NC 27932

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - June 21, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MC

“ *oh, my goodness....You know Gladys was part of my family growing up! her mother, Leila, used to babysit me and also at our church so she had her hands full! The Austin family was known for their hard work and love to everyone~ My heart is sad but know she will always be with me, forever~my condolences to the family during this sad time...always remember her laugh!! and that beautiful smile!! sending love from Nashville, TN~ Ms. Lee Cheers*



Ms Lee Cheers - June 27, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JS

“ *The strongest memory of your mom was when I was in the young choir and she would make the choir read the lyrics out loud before we even started practicing. This stayed with me and I had shared it with other choir members throughout the years.*



Joann Charlton, Strickland - June 24, 2025 at 09:25 PM

TH

“ Patsy, I am so sorry to read about the passing of your mom. She and my godmother were friends. Praying God will continue to be with you and your family in this difficult time.

Love you,
TD

Tonya Davis Hall - June 22, 2025 at 08:48 PM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs Gladys Austin



Cecily Sene - June 21, 2025 at 04:56 PM

DT

“ Delores Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs Gladys Austin



delores Thomas - June 21, 2025 at 11:57 AM

VR

“ To the Austin Family: I am sending up prayers for you and your family for strength and endurance during this most difficult time. Gladys and my mom were special friends and talked to each other weekly. Even when Gladys left Edenton they talked weekly. Whenever I went home to visit my mom and Gladys called we talked too. My mom Mary Halsey passed last year on May 28th so may they both resume that special friendship in Paradise.



Veletta Halsey Rhem - June 21, 2025 at 06:37 AM

GC

“ Sis. Gladys was my buddy. We were like cats and dogs but she loved me and I loved her. Will miss this lady. Hugs....Prayers....Love to Patsy and the family. ❤️👍❤️👍❤️👍. Sis. Gwen

Gwen Cooper - June 20, 2025 at 11:02 PM

AK

“ Condolences are extended to the family!

Annie Kornegay - June 20, 2025 at 08:19 PM

HF

“ To the Austin family, which is my cousins, I am keeping you all lifted up in prayer. Gladys was a super special person. I loved her. The Ferguson family and Brown family loved her also. Rest in heaven, my dear cousin.

Helen Ferguson - June 20, 2025 at 02:00 PM

CH

“ *Chanel lit a candle in memory of Mrs Gladys Austin*



Chanel - June 20, 2025 at 10:03 AM