



Mrs. Earlene Gayle Sanders

May 3, 1930 - September 10, 2025

Mrs. Earlene Gayle Sanders, age 95 of Grant, Alabama passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at Marshall Manor Nursing Home.

One of the “Swearengin Girls”, Earlene was born on May 3, 1930 to George F. & Annie Wallace Gayle. Earlene, the last child, was preceded in death by her siblings, Charlotte McBride, Dr. H. Jean Gayle, Wallace Gayle, Ruth Gayle, and June Troup.

From an early age, Earlene was skilled softball player and continued to play for years and often spoke of her softball days. Church and community were also important facets of Earlene’s life. She was a longtime member of Grant First Baptist Church, serving in different roles and offering her assistance whenever it was needed. She also served the community in many ways. From 1976-1992, Earlene served as a member of the Grant Town Council. She spent many years serving on the board of Free Home Cemetery and working for the beautification of the town. She took that same energy and love for flowers and gardening to her own where she spent many hours working in her yard.

Earlene is survived by her three children, Charis Bonds, Jackie Sanders (Marilyn), and Shelia Self (Joe); her four grandchildren, Kristy Robinson, Stacey Nunnally (Cory), Dusty Sanders, and Elizabeth Raley (Gerard); her

two great grandchildren, Will Robinson and John Raley; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold M. Sanders; son, Dwight W. Sanders; grandson, Wesley Johnston; parents; and her five siblings.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Marshall Manor for the love and care they showed to Earlene.

Visitation will be held at Grant Memorial Chapel on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 5-8 p.m. Her funeral service will be Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Free Home Cemetery.

Arrangements Entrusted to Grant Memorial Chapel

Cemetery Details

Free Home Cemetery

Free Home Rd.
Grant, AL 35747

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Grant Memorial Chapel
4930 Main Street
P.O. Box 484
Grant, AL 35747
(256) 728-2000
grantmemorial@nehp.net
<https://www.grantmemorialchapel.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **14.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Earlene Gayle Sanders.



September 23, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Earlene Gayle Sanders.

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“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Grant Memorial Chapel - September 13, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Earlene Gayle Sanders.

September 12, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Earlene Gayle Sanders.*



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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Earlene Gayle Sanders.*



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“Earlene Sanders, my friend. She always had a smile on her face. She would bring me her famous Christmas cookies every year as she came for her hair appointment. I always looked forward to them, as usually I didn't care for fruity cookies. But her's were perfect, crunchy, little bit of fruit. Why does that stand out so much to me..Earlene was steady. What she did she did well. Never overly excited, never extremely down, just steady. We shared a love of flowers and working in our yards until we dropped. She shared her love for God with me, she always invited me to Church, and I would say.. one day you will look up and I will be coming through the door. She would say well I'm waiting! She was steady. And one day she did look up and I was coming through the door! The choir facing the doors as I walked in, there was Earlene and other good friends. With tears in all of our eyes, that day I gave my heart and soul to God! She was always steady. I pray that her family will feel peace and know that she was a great friend and Great Lady! Love you Ms Earlene! See you later!

Sandra Grigg - September 12, 2025 at 01:52 PM

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“Eva Pendergrass sent a virtual gift in memory of Earlene Sanders



Eva Pendergrass - September 12, 2025 at 12:52 PM