



## Mary James Gann

April 13, 1923 - March 25, 2022

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A life loving Jesus. A life serving Jesus.

Mary James Gann, affectionately known as Nana, joined her Savior peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2022, just days short of her ninety-ninth birthday. Her greatest desire was that each member of her family know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Born in Haynes, Arkansas, she and her identical twin Martha James Hards (Jack) were the thirteenth and fourteenth of seventeen children (which included four sets of twins) born to their parents, Joseph Ruffin James and Ella Elizabeth Malone James. When they were younger she and her twin sister often performed at school as a duet known as the “Gold Dust Twins.” Most of all, Nana loved Jesus and her family with unwavering faith. She was a faithful member of the Forrest City Church of God, teaching Sunday School and often serving as a soloist. Several of her immediate family were ministers of the Gospel. Her son, John Cleve Gann, is an ordained minister in the Church of God, and will be leading the graveside service for her at the Cogbill Cemetery in Wynne.

The family raised cotton on their forty acre farm in Haynes. Mary and her

surviving siblings grew up in and around Forrest City. She lived in Forrest City until she moved to Little Rock twenty years ago to live with her oldest daughter, Mary Olivia Schroeder and her husband Dr. George Schroeder. This allowed her to be closer to many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She became progressively less able to take care of herself but always retained her joyful spirit and was a prayer warrior for her family. She loved and was loved by the staff and patients at the Springs of Pinnacle Mountain Nursing Home in Little Rock. She was selected twice as Queen of the nursing home. She enjoyed participating in Bingo at the nursing home and especially enjoyed the Sunday School provided there by the Bible Church of Little Rock. Many Sundays she was joined there by her grandson Daniel.

She and John Oliver Gann were wed in November, 1942. He served as a radio instructor in the U.S. Navy during World War 2, stationed in Miami, and a long-time postman in Forrest City. He received word of the birth of their first child by telephone a year after their wedding while he was stationed at radio school at Texas A&M University. Because of a change in the law for Social Security, they had a second marriage ceremony in 1963 because John had been under-age when they were first wed. Their five-year-old son Johnny gave the bride away and Gloria was the maid of honor.

Together they reared three children: Mary Olivia, Gloria Jean, and John Cleve, who have blessed her with seven grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Services for Mrs. Gann will be held Graveside, 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the Cogbill Cemetery in Wynne. Visitation will be 10:00 A.M., until the time of the service, at Kernodle Funeral Home, with Kernodle Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [www.kernodlefh.com](http://www.kernodlefh.com) for the online guestbook.



# Cemetery Details

## Cogbill Cemetery

Wynne, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Graveside service

MAR 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery  
Wynne, AR

## Interment

MAR 29 (CT)

Cogbill Cemetery  
Wynne, AR



# Tribute Wall



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Mary James Gann.* ”



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March 28, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary James Gann.* ”



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March 28, 2022 at 12:16 PM