



## Nina Brown Spencer

December 12, 1930 - August 19, 2025

Nina Brown Spencer was called home to spend eternity with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, August 19, at the age of 94.

Born December 12, 1930, in Hamlin, Arkansas, Nina was the beloved daughter of Paul and Georgia Holt Brown, and the youngest of nine children. She was welcomed into a close-knit family by her eight siblings: Carson Brown, William Brown, Laurel Ellis, Beryl Thomas, Doyl Brown, Mildred Bostic, Richard Brown, and Doris Kerksieck.

On December 31, 1953, Nina married Noble Spencer, and together they shared 50 beautiful years of marriage until his passing in 2004. Their union was a testament to selfless love and dedication, and they touched countless lives through their service to others.

Noble and Nina were the proud parents of two daughters, Lisa (Terry) Twyford and Lana (Steve) Gately, and the cherished grandparents of Haisley Hunter, Seth Gately, Elizabeth (David) Kaylor, Hannah (Nic) Graves, and Spencer Gately. She also delighted in her nine great-grandchildren: Ethan (Kailee) Holden, Sage Gately, Abby Graves, Lexi Graves, Stella Gately, Hunter Graves, Troy Blanks, Noble Kaylor, and Victor Hunter; two bonus grandchildren, Christa (Ben) Gibson and Matthew (Vanessa; Ava Kate and Chloe) Twyford; and dear friends Mary Jo Martinsen, Suellen Dial, and Ann Wooten.

Nina graduated from Wynne High School in 1946 at the young age of 16. She attended beauty school in Jonesboro and worked for many years at Brown's

Beauty Salon before serving as a substitute teacher and migrant tutor for Wynne Public Schools. She had a gift for making meaningful connections and never forgetting a name or a face, leaving a lasting impact on everyone she met.

She committed her days to helping others, volunteering in numerous capacities across the community. A lifelong Methodist, Nina cherished her church family and faithfully served through the years. She served as secretary for the CrossRidge Community Hospital Auxiliary and was honored as the 2016 Arkansas Auxilian of the Year. She initiated a program providing blankets for cancer patients across Cross County, personally delivering over 400 blankets with prayer and compassion. She served as president of the Cross County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and was an active member of the Town & Country Garden Club. For her unwavering dedication, she was named the 2017 Cross County Volunteer of the Year.

Nina's life was a testament to love, kindness, and service. Her deep faith, generous spirit, and tireless commitment to her family, friends, and community will be remembered by all who knew her.

Let us honor her legacy by following her example to love, serve, and cherish one another.

To continue the prayer blanket ministry in her honor, memorial contributions may be made to the CrossRidge Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Sondra Dowdle, 901 Cleveland Street, Wynne, Arkansas.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025, at Kernodle Funeral Home, from 10 to 11 AM. Funeral services will immediately follow at 11 AM. Burial will be in Cogbill Cemetery. Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at [www.kernodlefh.com](http://www.kernodlefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cogbill Cemetery

Airpark Rd  
Wynne, AR 72396

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 22.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral service

**AUG 22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Interment

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AUG **22** (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Always really enjoyed hanging out even if I walked across the fields rabbit hunting and got a glass of tea. Growing up I had a great admiration for her n Lr. Noble.  
God truly called home His own. Prayers for family, in Xhrist, Amen

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**Lynn Miller** - August 28, 2025 at 08:40 PM

SH

“ Sandra S Hall lit a candle in memory of Nina Spencer



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**Sandra S Hall** - August 28, 2025 at 10:15 AM

SH

“ Lisa, I am so sorry we missed her service-- I know she was so happy to see Lana and I'm sure welcomed with open arms by her many family members and dear friends... Everyone loved her and will miss seeing her around and about. Lisa, I know you were so thankful you got to spend time with her and enjoy her in her last years.... Love you all-- Looks like this is the end of that era with her being the youngest sibling.

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**Sandra S Hall** - August 28, 2025 at 10:14 AM

KP

“ My deepest sympathies to you, Lisa and Lana, upon the passing of your mom. Obviously she was an outstanding parent because she raised two incredible daughters. And she took good care of the community’s children, too. I’ll always remember the work she did on costumes for WHS’s production of “Alice in Wonderland” and the refreshments she provided MYF kiddos after a hay ride. RIP, Mrs. Spencer.

Karen Griffee Phares - August 25, 2025 at 04:05 PM

PM

“ She was loved and will forever be missed. A ray of sunshine in everyone's life.



Penny Morris - August 22, 2025 at 12:01 PM

AM

“ I was so saddened to hear about Mrs. Nina. I'll always remember her bight smile and loving heart. She always brighten the room and the people around her.



Abby May - August 22, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nina Brown Spencer.



August 22, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nina Brown Spencer.

August 22, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ Marice Clayton Brown Boardman purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Nina Brown Spencer.



Marice Clayton Brown Boardman - August 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM



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Marice Clayton Brown Boardman - August 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nina Brown Spencer.



August 21, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Nina Brown Spencer.*



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August 21, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Nina was always someone you could count i don't know how she did it our girls grew up together and was cheerleaders together and she was always there i know she is heaven bound god bless her children*

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**Mary evelyn lee** - August 21, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ *Dane and Callie (Sisk) Johnson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nina Brown Spencer.*



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**Dane and Callie (Sisk) Johnson** - August 20, 2025 at 10:38 PM



“ *I loved Mrs. Nina, she was beautiful inside and out. Many hugs and prayers to all 🙏❤️*

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**Angie Goodwin Lewallen** - August 20, 2025 at 07:46 PM

KW

“ *Nina was a good neighbor when we lived on Marion Dr in Wynne. Bob and I send our condolences to the family.*  
*Kay & Bob Wilson*  
*Hot Springs, Ar*

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**Kay Wilson** - August 20, 2025 at 03:43 PM

LC

“ *Prayers for you Lisa and the entire family. Beautiful southern lady that I have known my whole life. Ms. Nina was lifelong friends with my parents. Ms Nina brought my mother a blanket the day before she started treatment for cancer in 2019. Noble, Nina, Lisa, and Lana were family to our family. I know in my heart that she has already connected with Mom, Dad, and Lisa.*



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**Lynn Baldwin Craft** - August 20, 2025 at 03:08 PM