



Teresa Gayer

September 14, 1964 - December 24, 2021

Teresa Gayer age 57, daughter of Dewaine and Joyce Dunigan of Houston, MO., passed away surrounded by her family on December 24th at home.

Teresa gave her heart to the Lord at an early age at the Houston Assembly of God Church. Teresa grew up in Houston, MO and attended Houston High School. During high school she was a candy striper at TCMH and went on to get her CNA after graduating.

She married her soul mate, Larry Gayer Jr., in 1983. Her daughter, Keri Gayer came along in 1984, and Teresa was able to be a stay-at-home mom and babysit. Larry was working at Brown Shoe Company and after a couple of transfers, they ended up in Lexington ,TN in 1987. Their son, Kevin was born not very long after. Teresa stayed at home to care for their children and on the side mowed lawns, cleaned homes, and cared for the elderly.

When Kevin went to school, she started to substitute teach and volunteer in numerous areas in the community and at school.

She attended the Lexington Assembly of God and Union Baptist Church in which she held many roles. She led worship, taught Sunday school, taught children's church, was church secretary, and sung in the choir. If a child wanted to go to church, she was there to pick them up. She believed

everyone should have the chance to learn about Jesus.

The Caywood School offered her a job as a teachers aid after seeing how great she was with the kids. She worked from sun up to sun down with the before and after school program, headed up the summer food program, and decorated the school for various holidays and school events. She helped with the AR program and had a passion that every child that wanted help, learned to read. Teresa worked one on one with the 1st grade teachers and in any other area they would let her help. She was recognized in 2018 with a Buddy Bench for all her hard work and dedication to Caywood School. Teresa loved all her students greatly ,and was able to be with them for 25+ years right up until she got sick.

Teresa also went on to get her CDL license and tag team trucked with her husband Larry (mainly when school was out). This allowed her to see many parts of the United States and Canada.

In her spare time, she liked to crochet, read books, garden, decorate for holidays, cook, make desserts, cater, decorate cakes, put together puzzles, watch movies with Arieana, and spend time with her family and friends.

She truly had a love for people especially her kids at school and church ,and they loved her in return. She had such a generous spirit and was a true inspiration of what a friend should be. Her door was never closed to anyone that entered and as soon as you walked through, you were treated like family no matter your past she knew your potential. Though we will miss her with us here on earth we rejoice in knowing we will see her in her heavenly body once again.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dewaine, grandparents Thurman & Ruth Dungan, Loys & Imogene Daniel, Auntie Delaine and father-in-law,Larry

Gayer Sr.

She is survived by her husband Larry of 38 years who resides in Lexington, TN; daughter Keri Gayer (special friend Thomas) and son Kevin (Cameron) Gayer of Lexington TN; her mother Joyce, of Houston, MO; two sisters Julie (Dennis) Collins of Villa Ridge and Amy (Andrew) Christeson of Houston MO; mother-in-law, Susan Gayer of Houston MO; grandchildren: Arieana, Brayden and Issac. Also many brother and sister in laws, many nieces, nephews, other cherished family members, friends and Caywood School family and students.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made through Reeds Chapel, for Caywood School to purchase AR books in memory of Teresa. Funeral services will be Tuesday, December 28 at 10AM at Caywood School. Visitation will be Monday 4PM-9PM at Reeds Chapel and at Caywood School on Tuesday 9AM until service.

Tribute Wall

YR

“ Yvonne Robbins lit a candle in memory of Teresa Gayer



Yvonne Robbins - December 28, 2021 at 05:05 PM

RH

“ Larry. So sorry for your loss



Rocky D Henry - December 28, 2021 at 10:15 AM

DB

“ Danny&Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Teresa Gayer



Danny&Shelia Beecham - December 28, 2021 at 12:42 AM

GT

“ Larry, we are so sorry to hear about Teresa. We went to church together and our girls played together. I know she will be missed. You all are in our prayers! We love you guys.

Gene & Tina - December 27, 2021 at 09:44 PM

BH

“ Bernard Hazzard lit a candle in memory of Teresa Gayer



Bernard hazzard - December 27, 2021 at 08:27 PM

LE

“ Mrs. Teresa was such a sweetheart inside and out she help teach my children and grandson while at Caywood school (rip) Mrs. Teresa 😭 sending prayers to your entire family




Linda Elam - December 27, 2021 at 06:56 PM

TM

“ She was there for me when I needed a friend .
I will miss her.



Tammy sue maness - December 27, 2021 at 06:25 PM

 Tony N Redonna Overman

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Tony N Redonna Overman - December 27, 2021 at 05:36 PM

CD

“ Nana, Dahlia Russell and I love you very much. We know you are in a good place but our hearts are sad without you here with us. Prayers for all you have touched. Hugs, love, and comfort to all family members.



Crystal Dick - December 27, 2021 at 05:34 PM

RS

“ Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Teresa Gayer



Rhonda Sanders - December 27, 2021 at 04:25 PM

EV

“ I was blessed to have known Mrs Teresa! She always went above and beyond! She was one amazing precious lady. To know her is to love her. ❤️

Elizabeth Vineyard - December 27, 2021 at 03:46 PM

DE

“ Denise Ellis lit a candle in memory of Teresa Gayer



Denise Ellis - December 27, 2021 at 03:16 PM

KW

“ Kim Watson lit a candle in memory of Teresa Gayer



Kim Watson - December 27, 2021 at 02:37 PM

DA

“ Teresa was a beautiful lady and always willing to do what ever needed done, Fly high sweet friend, I love you ❤️❤️



Darla - December 27, 2021 at 01:25 PM

KP

“ Keith & Debbie Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Teresa Gayer



Keith & Debbie Patterson - December 27, 2021 at 01:03 PM

KP

Our love and prayers are with Larry her children and grandchildren during this difficult time we are praying God holds you close and gives you all all peace and comfort ♡

Keith & Debbie Patterson - December 27, 2021 at 01:05 PM

LL

“ *Lisa LewisEvans lit a candle in memory of Teresa Gayer*



Lisa LewisEvans - December 27, 2021 at 12:56 PM

FM

“ *Back when I was 14, in 1982, I'll never forget how Teresa did an EXCELLENT job taking care of my grandma during part of her last year before we moved her into a nursing home. RIP, Teresa. We'll miss you.*

Fred McKinney - December 27, 2021 at 12:54 PM

RY

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Ms. Teresa. She was a wonderful woman. My son loved her. She will be dearly missed. Sending prayers to her family.*



Roberta Yee - December 27, 2021 at 12:20 PM

CH

“ *Candy Hayes lit a candle in memory of Teresa Gayer*



Candy Hayes - December 27, 2021 at 12:16 PM